

General feedback and Funding requests – Summary of Feedback

**What do you think about our other priorities and key projects?
Any other general comments?**

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Organisation Feedback – Summary of contributors

An overview of the organisations who submitted on the draft “General Feedback” section in the Long Term Plan, and they key topics that their submissions covered.

Organisation name	Submitter name	Key topics covered
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association	Neville Bailey	Airport landing fees
AOPA	David Sale	Airport landing fees
Aquifer Locations Ltd.	Pete Donald	Water quality
Ashburton Aquatic Park Charitable Trust	Leandra Fitzgibbon	Funding request
Ashburton Art Gallery Committee	Fleur Tompsett	Refresh of permanent museum display and return of upstairs shop and reception area to gallery exhibition space
Ashburton Aviation Museum	Owen Moore	Rent review
Ashburton Aviation Pioneers	Leslie Vincent	Airport landing fees & other airport comments
Ashburton Aviation Pioneers and NZAS Airfield User Group	Leslie Vincent	Airport landing fees & other airport comments
Ashburton Cadet Unit	Cezarne Rodgers	Future use of buildings
Ashburton Citizens Association	Donna Favel	toilets at cemetery extension, second bridge
Ashburton Community Conservation Trust	Edith Smith	Stockwater
Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Limited	Rebecca Whillans	Stockwater
Ashburton Performing Arts Theatre Trust	Roger Farr	Funding request
Ashburton Warriors Club	Ken Aguila	Something for youth
Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation Ltd	Nick Daniels	Stockwater
Base Youth Centre	Jenny Rae	Funding for youth worker, Youth Advisory Group
Basketball Mid-Canterbury	Mark Douglas	Stadium extension
Bella Vista Ashburton	Michelle Clyne	Tourism
Cancer Society - Mid Canterbury Centre	Aimee Cosgrove	Shade in public open spaces
Canterbury Regional Council - ECAN	Peter Scott	Stockwater, emergency management, other topics

CCS Disability Action	Mary O'Brien	Roading, accessibility, speed limits
Citizens Advice Bureau Mid Canterbury	Tiffany McRae	Funding request
Connecting Mid Canterbury Charitable Trust	Donna Favel	Welcoming Plan, Te Whare Whakare, grants
Flying New Zealand	Peter King	Airport landing fees
Glynn Lea Farming co	Mary Copland	Art Gallery & Museum
Hakatere Multi Cultural Council	Selwyn Price	Business case and action plan
Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga	Parks, recreational facilities, climate change, heritage incentives
Hospitality New Zealand, Canterbury Branch	Nikki Rogers	Local Alcohol Policy, tourism, events etc
Juice Signs	Emma Jackson	Streets around Triangle
Kim Holdings Limited	Ian Watson	Future planning for upgrading Tinwald Business C zoning
Lake Hood Development Project Joint Venture	Mark Christensen	Funding & public toilet request
Light Up Methven working group	Gillian Heald	Methven lighting project
Methven Community Board	Kelvin Holmes	Range of other topics
Methven Community Pool	Jimmy Newport	Methven Community Pool funding
Mid Canterbury Aero Club	Graham Closey	Airport landing fees & other airport comments
Mid Canterbury Federated Farmers	Rachel Thomas / David Acland	Stockwater, rates, second bridge, economic development, Ashburton Zone Committee, general
Mid Canterbury Football	Aimee Paterson	Open spaces
Mount Somers District Citizens Association	Sarah Stanaway & Robert Schikker	Roading, flooding, land development, development contribution fee
Mt Somers and district citizens association	Robert Schikker.Mt Somers and district citizens association	Development
National Public Health Service - Te Waipounamu Region	Vince Barry - Regional Director	Climate change, transport, rates etc
North Canterbury Equestrian Advocacy Group	Julia McLean	Request inclusion of horse riders in planning and decision making
NZDA Ashburton which is a member of ARUA (Ashburton Range Users Association)	Ian McBride on behalf of the President NZDA Phil Andrew	Sports field extensions
Opuke Thermal Pools and Spa	Matt Turner	Tourism

Plains Museum Trust	Stefan van Vliet	Funding requests
Rakaia Community Association	Neil Pluck Chairman of the Rakaia Community Association	Rakaia rate, tourism
Regent Cinema	Donna Favel	Proposed Triangle Precinct development, Regent Cinema resource consent
RNZSPCA	Arnja Dale	Snip 'n' Chip programme
Robert Grice Properties Limited	Robyn Archibald	Triangle precinct development
Safer Mid Canterbury	Kathy Harrington-Watt	Public transport, women's only swimming
Shelf	Roger Henderson	Traffic
Smoke Ashburton, Smoke Butchery and The Lake House	Vanetia Bingham	Triangle precinct, tourism
South Canterbury Aero Club	Nick Warren	Airport landing fees
Spokes Canterbury	Anne Scott	Advocacy for more walking and cycling infrastructure, second bridge, speed limits, climate change
Sport Canterbury	Julyan Falloon	Sport & Recreation
Taylors Motel	Craig Lambie	Tourism
Thornycroft 2018 ltd	Eric Duff	Second bridge
Upper Rangitata Gorge Landcare Group (INC)	Sally Stevens	Biodiversity in Upper Rangitata River Catchment
Urban Effects	Tania Osborne	Public spaces
Well-being Ōpuke	Valeska Scott	Transport

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1. SECOND BRIDGE

1.1 General

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Rosemary Bartlett	Definitely need new bridge	
Craig	Need a new bridge	
Harriet	Building a second bridge I believe is really important	
Janette	Build a second bridge.	
Lindsay Ledingham	Get on to the Government immediately and get a firm commitment on a start date for a second bridge. The road through town is of national importance.	
Renee	2 bridge	
Anna	Second bridge by pass	
Maree Lawlor	We so badly need another bridge My late husband who has since passed away suffered in agony for hours because the bridge was closed for maintenance The ambulance couldn't get across.	
Riley Wilson	Get the second bridge built.	
Meg smith	Would love a second bridge to be built, it's been talked about for so long but the traffic is insane.	
Mark Brame	Put another bridge in. The 5 things you have written are very low on my list. Bridge before anything else.	
Ceri Jones	Bridge?	
Van der Geest Construction	How about looking at roading of sh1 and a new bridge . Population growth dictates this is urgent	
Brenda Franz	When do we get a second bridge, it has to be a priority for the survival of Ashburton and the South in general.	

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Thomas Edward Eccleston and Helen Elizabeth Eccleston	Keep on pushing for the second bridge but think a proper bypass would be much better for the town in the long term. If people need petrol, meals or anything else, they will come into Ashburton but most drive straight through anyway.	
Belinda Gough	Build new Ashburton bridge and widen/ fix Rakaia bridge so one breakdown does not cause a 3-6 hour delay	
Anne Porter	A second bridge is important.	
Tammy Hay	Bridge. Not the Tinwald lights that was a silly idea.	
Trudy Fifita	Put in a second bridge	
Hannah Templeton	Second bridge	
Fran	A second bridge over the Ashburton river can't come soon enough as the traffic flow through Tinwald and south side of Ashburton is frustrating.	
Alison Price	Get moving towards another bridge.	
Leah	Roading infrastructure, second Tinwald bridge	
Kim watts	Traffic lights in Tinwald are awesome but we need the other bridge sooner rather than later	
Kimberley Wright	Bridge is needed	
Rhys and Kaye Young	The council really needs to shake that bunch in Wellington and tell them to stop fluffing around and build the second bridge. JUST DO IT	
Gretchen Hart	Stop waiting for it to be solved at national level. Build another bridge and put a toll on it for those who do not pay taxes in Ashburton. Hopefully the central government will eventually turn it's attention to the matter and either build a by pass, and direct traffic over the new bridge, leaving the current one for locals.	
Craig Fowles	Second bridge critical.	
Sue Newman	The second bridge is an absolutely urgent project. Yes the lights in Tinwald have improved traffic flows a little, but largely the improvement is in accessing the highway. The congestion through town is just as bad.	
Marian Bellamy	Please put in a second bridge over the Ashburton River!	
Mindy Morrison	Second Bridge must be a priority.	
Simon Hore	The only project council should concern itself with is building the second bridge, and making the lives of its residents easier	
Jenny Brady	Please keep working on the second bridge as a Tinwald resident it is really needed to take people passing through away from the middle of town	

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Matt Benton	Second bridge is critical	
Elsa I Hydes	The bridge - having an idea where & when will be great start. Our weather increasingly unpredictable & we don't want the event 2 years ago repeated.	
Caitlin 't Hooft	I'm sure you're getting this a lot, but 2nd bridge!	
Craig McKenzie	Keep on with central government about a second bridge	
Barbara McIntosh	push harder for the second bridge especially after the problem with the Rangitata Rail bridge	
Daniel Trail	2nd bridge or town bypass should be a higher priority	
Jacques Mouton	Maybe the 2nd bridge between Ashburton and Tinwald, so some way to ease traffic congestion in Ashburton.	
Mary	New Bridge needs a hurry up traffic is getting ridiculous around Ashburton - example widen the current bridge to 2 lanes and make it streamless through the Ashburton township.	
Grahame Kelly	No. 1 priority from my point of view is putting the foot to the pedal and getting the bridge project underway.	
Ron Smith	Also I think you should forget about the bridge as other towns have bridges like ours and seem to cope. You would be better organizing the one-way bridges on our back highway to be fixed, especially in the Gorge as this is where the problem will be if anything happens	
R Breading	Second bridge	
Colleen Mehrrens	Yes a BRIDGE is surely more important at this time	
Michelle Steenkamp	Second bridge long overdue	
Bill Kingston	The most pressing concern is the second bridge The current nearly daily hold ups to traffic travelling through Ashburton is costly in terms of local businesses time sitting in a service vehicle is ultimately paid for by the customer Environmentally idling motors and slow travel times increase emissions	
Kate White	new bridge needs well thought out cycle ways on both sides, to make it safe and easy for people of all ages to cycle/ get their motorised scooters across etc.	
Belinda Dixon	Get the second bridge ASAP	
Marilyn Meyer - Veitch	Second bridge absolute priority.	
Jill Blacklock	The second bridge No 1! * asap *	

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Hasdeep Singh	Stop wasting money on projects which are useless like done in Tinwald to stopping rat race people to skip queue. local people and tradies need to get across multiple times each day. Here, where we need second bridge but you actually spend money of own people to get late and stuck in their own town in traffic more time.	
Danielle Bosch	I like that the govt has decided to fund the majority of the new bridge, I think this should be -if it isn't already- a high priority project, especially with the Rangitata rail bridge compromised, it highlights how fast the bottleneck created by the Ashburton bridge can be compromised.	
Contributor 1727	Second bridge - what I heard on the grapevine is the Govt is going to cancel it if the Council hasn't yet decided where it is to go.	
Kay Holder-Day	Feel a second bridge is a must - But I do not understand why the old one is not kept up to date re removing debris build up especially around the posts supporting the bridge - or digging a deeper channel.	SH1 bridge is maintained by NZTA.
Margaret Begbie	Second bridge a priority	
Hayley Morgan	We need our second bridge asap	
Monica Buergi	Definitely need another bridge and ideally get a four lane highway from Rolleston to Dunedin with bypass of Ashburton, Timaru and Oamaru... wishful thinking...	
Lillian Monk	Get the new bridge started	
Alene Burrowes	A second bridge for the main south road through Tinwald is way overdue.	
Peter Lowe	Second Bridge asap	
Oswaldo Gonzalez	Replace the Ashburton urban bridge	
Ann Ross	Second bridge..one day hopefully..	
Jaco Joubert	We really need a second bridge	
Eric Duff (Thornycroft 2018 ltd)	new bridge needs to be done properly, traffic is suffocating the town and businesses	
L Cotton	The new bridge: I can only hope that the Chalmers Ave bypass is the best option. Taking daily traffic away from the main business hub has resulted in major decline for businesses in other areas eg Timaru. There is a huge corridor of land that could be used more effectively through Tinwald & second bridge built alongside the existing one, which would also help strengthen it. Adjustments made to traffic flow/parking space through the main CBD on West & East Sts through to Walnut Ave.	Chalmers Ave and the second urban bridge is not a bypass. Traffic travelling through Ashburton will use SH1. The second urban bridge is a local connection

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	I trust this has already been well scrutinized.	between Tinwald and Ashburton to get that regular local traffic off SH1.
Matt Glanville	Need to sort the bridge or traffic etc in town	
Rohan Knowler	Getting a 2nd bridge has to be a priority	
S J	Need the second bridge over the Ashburton River sooner rather than later	
Vince Reveley	Absolutely need a second bridge but it should be built between the existing bridge and the railway line on SH 1. There is plenty of room for this to happen using the west street carpark for southbound traffic and starting at Tinwald, Northbound traffic using the green way next to the railway line and the new bridge. In times of an accident which ever bridge isn't blocked could be used to divert traffic. Council need to lobby transit and government more to make something happen, it is only going to get more expensive!	
Diane Taylor	Build the bridge it should be the only priority.	
David Neeson	Keep the pressure up on the Govt re the second bridge, it took me 45minutes recently to get thru Tinwald .	
Brent and Cushla Murdoch	Second bridge is not required as there are a number of other crossings of the Ashburton River. More importantly is the Rakaia Bridge State Highway . The two bridges on the alternative route the Highway 1 bridge is closed are substandard and not suitable for heavy vehicles.	
Vince Barry - Regional Director (National Public Health Service)	Transport; We recognise the need to invest in roading to maintain the transport network, improve safety and build resilience. Constructing a second bridge over the Ashburton River has potential to improve resilience and safety.	
Barry Vessey	The completion of a second bridge over the Ashburton River is paramount for the Ashburton & South Island and should be a Govt funded project.	
Don Sauer	The overhead railway bridge needs to be better maintained on a more regular basis.	The Wills Street Rail Footbridge does have maintenance and renewal work identified. An increase to the structure maintenance and structure renewal budgets has been requested in the 2024-27 NLTP. When approved

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		work on the footbridge will be carried out with most of the work programmed for 2025/26.
Rachel Thomas / David Acland (Mid Canterbury Federated Farmers)	MCFF recommends that the Council lobby the Government to ensure the second urban bridge project is not delayed any further.	
Selwyn Price	The longer the second bridge is delayed, the more it will cost. ADC councillors already shot themselves in the foot over the location, meaning that ultimately ratepayers will be required to fund around half of the cost because it is not on a state highway, but the reality is there is no cheaper time to build any infrastructure than now. With the rail bridge once again drawing attention to how easily our district can be isolated, now is the time to get assurances on timelines from central government.	
Andrew Mackenzie	Roading is a major along with a second bridge. It has been proven already that this is a major necessity.	
Wells Family Trust	Fix existing infrastructure such as roads and build another bridge.	
M. Michael	Personally think that roading should always be a priority, additional to this the second Ashburton Bridge should be kept as a priority for Ashburton's long term plan.	
D.Stewart	New bridge	
Stacie mclean	Roading and second bridge are top top priorities	
Gillian O'Connor	It is important that ADC push for that second urban bridge over the Ashburton River and I consider funding of this should take priority over other projects - it is also important that ADC obtain a decent contribution from the government towards this. Whilst toll roads may be an unpopular concept, if that is what it takes to get the bridge our town needs, then Council must be open to this too.	
Bryony Digby	Roading is definitely an issue and the second bridge is urgent.	
Sarah Crispin	Second bridge would be amazing! Once we get that second bridge the traffic through town (esp Tinwald) will ease.	
Rowan Bartlett	Concentrate on the bridge none of the other projects need to be looked at until after the second bridge and bypass works have been completed. The traffic congestion in town and out through Tinwald is causing more and more accidents with drivers not expecting the stalled traffic. I have personally seen an accident on the main south road of a car	

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	driving straight into the back of a ute and shunting it off the road onto the grass between the road and railway lines because the cars driver did not expect the line of traffic to be stationary. The bridge project has been put off for far too long and will end up taking a life if the recent accident between a truck and 3 cars is anything to go by.	
Richard Tucker	A bridge out of town to relieve through traffic	
Laura George	Also work is needed on congestion in tinwald and town. more push for the second bridge.	
Fiona White	Build the bridge	
Paul Veitch	2nd bridge	

1.2 Second bridge location

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Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Henry	Move the bridge from Chalmers Ave to Melcome Street	
Richard Bradley	2nd Bridge thru west st and Malcolm st using the reserve corridor for more roading space	
Grant Smith	I Think the council should seriously look at scrapping the second bridge .Then go with a ring road from Dromore, A new Bridge At Cochranes - Boundry Road And exciting back onto state highway 1 at Ealing.	
Peter Murray	The second bridge should connect West St to Melcombe St with a third bridge connecting Chalmers Ave with East Tinwald.	
Michael Quinn	If the second bridge is ever built it is a transit NZ project and the council should not contribute any money to it. It should also be built beside the existing bridge as that would be cheaper and a flyover be built at both Moore St, and Walnut Ave. and Havelock St. closed off. Traffic would then flow freely through the town.	
Dee Murdoch	Use all possible power to get the 2nd bridge away out of town NOT down Chalmers ave - thats is share stupidity putting it there- look at options to by pass Ashburton - say down near Cochranes rd, across the river then back onto Sh1 near Farmers corner. This would also help deal with increased traffic from Lake hood	
Shannon Johnson	Sunshine bridge across the Ashburton at Sheates road. (Reduce travel time, reduce traffic on the bridge)	
Frith Tagg	Look again at new bridge location. Why not Cochranes road where you could avoid residential costs & upheaval both n Ashburton & Tinwald	

John Wards	A serious rethink of this second bridge placement needs to take place. We have seen how the Canterbury bridge infra-structure is aging and probable replacement will be needed in the near future. The four lane SH1 to Ashburton is already being discussed and it seems totally logical that any second bridge is built beside the existing bridge, thus allowing double lanes over each. This also allows a continuation of traffic on SH1 in instances of bridge repairs, accidents, over-width loads etc.	
Marise Jayne	I'm happy to hear the bridge is being built. I do not agree with the location however as I feel the current location and by pass should be used. A new bridge between current and rail bridge would be less disruptive to traffic and stop state highway one traffic using the residential Chambers Ave road.	
Fanny G Robinson	Forgot the Chalmers Avenue second bridge, change and future proof Ashburton by putting in a ring road now with second bridge (4 lane to the west)	
Kaylene Donaldson	New proposed bridge location should be completely out of urban area. Fairton south along Cochranes Road or out south of town (Tinwald boundary).	
Peter Kilgour	The second bridge crossing needs to happen A.S.A.P. but the location is wrong / Chalmers Ave is too close to town.	
Andy Bryant	Is the bridge position fixed? Why not bypass the whole town? There seems to be an incredible amount of \$\$ wasted. If the bridge was sorted (and not just constantly talked about) perhaps the changes to some of the main road intersections wouldn't have been needed.	The bridge project has been in previous long term plans with funding included for 2024-27. Bypass was one of the options, but the Chalmers Ave alignment got approved. Details of the options considered and decisions made are available on the ADC website.
GW Russell	The new bridge will only be a success if the North - south traffic is forced to bypass the town centre, otherwise we will stay clogged up.	
Rae Butler	The SHW1 thoroughfare through the centre of Ashburton is starting to be dangerous. A second extension to Tinwald is a must.	
Olive Philpott	Another bridge needs to be built on boundary Road. There is no crossing from highway area to the coast. If lake hood residents could cross plus all agriculture activities in coastal areas would be a massive reduction on main bridge. What about the new proposed venture at Lake Hood!!!	

Dan Mihailescu	We keep talking about second bridge. Build another one right beside it, than we have two lane each way, we dont need to buy any land, then make road wider, sorted! See Waimak bridge on SH 1, nice, right?	
Donna Favel (Ashburton Citizens Association)	ACA members disagree with the current preferred location of the proposed Ashburton Second Urban Bridge – while it may have been marginally correct when first pitched back in the 1970's and the then Ashburton Borough Council considered acquiring land from Bridge Street residents. The subsequent, increase in traffic movements, introduction of HPMVs and recent closures of the Ashburton Bridge due to damage and cautionary measures raise significant concerns around the existing life of the current bridge. The Ashburton Bridge and State Highway One are key roading network assets and the resilience of the network is firmly an NZTA / Waka Kotahi matter. If Central Government need to do major work to ensure the resilience of the network (including the Ashburton Bridge), it would be far more efficient to build one four lane bridge, rather than two two lane bridges.	

1.3 Ashburton bypass

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Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Matt McCully	We need a bypass of Ashburton. We should hold off on the second bridge and invest that money into a more long term solution of an Ashburton bypass.	
Gerry Power	My only real issue is this bridge, if it ever happens!! To build a bridge with access routes in the heart of our town is just plain mad to me. Head North off bridge onto Bridge St then what? Does a truck driver or any driver enjoy traveling approx. 8 or so k's in a built up area with traffic lights when we should have a bypass out of town.	
John dargue	Get a bypass that is going to be suitable by the time it's built. Move it right out of town by at least five kms. The town will double in the next 20 years. Let's not move it twice	
Matt Reveley	The Second bridge is a top priority in my opinion the traffic through Ashburton on SH1 is possibly the worse I have seen in the south island and putting the Second bridge in town on Chalmers Ave is a bad idea it will not make things much better. It will only move the bottle neck from one location to another and put more traffic down roads that are not designed for it. If there is a second bridge to be build it should be a bypass outside of Ashburton to keep all the straight through traffic and trucks etc out of town. Not only will	

	this ease the congestion in Ashburton but it will make travel times faster and safer for everyone.	
Peter Heney	Get and build a bypass of the town to get rid congestion that's getting worse, a bridge at Chalmers Ave won't work because of the heavy vehicles stuffing the local roads instead of state highways.	
Kevin Taylor	Roads need work traffic flow on main road through Ashburton a by pass is required	
Timothy Brooker	Work with NZTA to build a full SH1 bypass	
Nick Dale	The potential second bridge at Chalmers Ave would, on a personal level, be highly convenient. However, that option is extremely short sighted. What we should be doing is working with the NZTA on SH1 BYPASS. This should be 4 lanes wide, including a new bridge. That alone would significantly alleviate congestion on our current bridge and residential roads for decades to come. Simply putting in more lights isn't going to do a thing, it's the volume of traffic that is passing through town that is the problem, a problem that exacerbates with every passing day.	
Dianne Kimber	Urgent a bypass for keeping through traffic out of the town and a second bridge.	
W. Melchers	Create Ashburton bypass.	
Susan Philpott	the bridge project should be a bypass route around the outskirts of town through boundary Road as there is no crossing of the Ashburton River between town & the coast. A lot of traffic from Lake Hood that don't need to travel through Ashburton would go that way & milk tankers, contractors & farm heavy traffic won't have to go over SH 1 bridge.	
Murray Page	Heavy traffic problem through centre of town. Need to start planning for a by-pass as soon as possible.	
John Thorpe	Put in round about instead of traffic lights the traffic congestion has compounded astronomically since the new sets of lights have been put in Urgently look at a bypass	
Sheryl Hendriksen	Heavy traffic diversion around Ashburton is very desirable. While Chalmers Ave would seem the most cost effective site for a new bridge, has thought been given to directing heavy traffic through to Fairton before rejoining Stste Highway 1? Chalmers Ave is residential, would heavy traffic along here be appropriate especially through the night?	A bypass was included as an option for consideration, with the Chalmers Ave alignment approved. It is a local connection not a bypass. Heavy vehicles travelling through Ashburton will continue to use SH1 after the second bridge is built. Chalmers Ave currently

		carries heavy vehicles from the east down to South Street to connect to SH1.
John Tarry	I think that the town should have a bypass with the second bridge. This bypass would be a toll road that would slightly recover building/maintenance costs, encourage trucks to miss the town centre and still encourage drivers to come through town and stop. Having a bridge at Chalmers Ave would not stop congestion if private cars continue to be the main method of transport for Canterbury.	
David and Claire Stevens	Bridge - how much more are we going to spend on this project as we have spent so much to date already? This topic seems to go around in circles. As a long term plan the only way forward to future proof our town properly is to build a bridge OUTSIDE the residential boundaries of Ashburton - ie a bypass is going to be needed. The town is expanding sideways (east/west) and to divert traffic through these areas is NOT thinking of the future and the safety of the residents of the town. Add in the noise pollution that comes with this sort of road - not a good health and safety plan. You only need to look at the traffic light installs and see how ineffectively the traffic flows are managed now. The cost of the bridge and the access roads off and on this bridge are climbing daily. Best Council looks at selling the land already purchased for this project as NZTA will not fund a road that is not a state highway.	A bypass will require a significantly higher cost than the Chalmers Ave alignment. If a NZTA state highway project will take many years to get under way as it is not included in any forward programme of work.
Glenn Jackson	The second bridge. My opinion, long term a bypass is the only logical option. Let me ask you this, if you were planning a new town would you put State Highway 1 through the middle of it? We live in Tinwald and now avoid going into town when possible as it is just unpleasant and we are not the only people I know of. A four lane highway through town-an even worse idea. The town is divided in 2, a second bridge of Chalmers does not solve the problem, the problem is a state highway through Ashburton. In 10 years time I would hate to think what this place will be like with congestion if there is not a serious change of direction with plans over this.	A bypass was included as an option for the project. Chalmers Ave is the approved route.

2. ROADING

2.1 General

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Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Kane Brown	Roading, the quality of work is often not up to scratch, when systems/protocols don't produce results why do they keep being used. We all see patch up jobs and resealing fail yet it gets repeated over and over, is there any entity that actually cracks down on this, or is it up to individual companies to police themselves. I would not pay a bill for some of the workmanship I've seen if it was done on my property!!	The work is checked by Council engineers and contractors are not paid for work that is not to specification. Any rework is a cost to the contractor.
mary	Condition of roading needs to be a priority along with keep our system infrastructure current to hand the towns growth in future years	
Richard Bradley	roading in the district is very important for road safety. 2 lanes thru west st get rid of the bottle neck at the north end of the bridge	
Craig	Need roads fixed	
B W Clark	Fix the roads first !!!!!	
Renee	pot holes	
Sam MacGregor	We need more investments in infrastructure such as roading and three waters	A 20% increase from 2021-24 to 2024-27 is requested for subsidised roading.
Harvey Smith	Roading and bridge upgrades/additions should be a priority. The SI is so reliant on Rakaia and Ashburton bridges	
Philip Young	We need to ensure the roads are maintained better.	
Andy McManus	i have said for a number of years now that ADC need to look at reducing the volume of roads they are responsible to maintain as funding simply isn't there. we have one of the largest road networks in the country and one of the smallest budgets based on area. Alot of rural roads, wither shingle or chipseal, could easily be shut and gifted to neighbouring land to maintain. this would reduce the volume of roads required to be maintained and allow budgets to be concentrated on a smaller network with greater returns on the	The very low volume roads that could be considered for closing is where the minimum of maintenance and renewal money is being

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	pavements lifespan. its easy to keep asking for more money, but some times its cheaper in the long run to reduce demand, and make more roads primary roads, with more money spent on them, and more traffic targeted to them.	spent. So not maintaining them would have a minimal impact on the overall spend.
Adin Geeson	Unfortunately good roading has to key with the amount of produce being transported out of the district and the high number of visitors passing through the district. This includes a second bridge	
Riley Wilson	More roading maintenance required.	
Brian Roulston	We to get all our traffic lights that are in place synchronized because if we don't we will have traffic backlogs for years to come.	
Philip Quaid	Secondly prepare and present to the Community a “ ten year plan” for the improvement to the roading network both within the town boundary and the rural roads. As appropriate increase rates to accommodate costs.	The Forward Works Programme (FWP) for heavy maintenance, reseals and rehabilitation is on the Council website for each financial year. Ten years of FWP can be added but may result in a cluttered map. Can look at options to display and the ability to choose the different work types and/or financial year. Improvement projects could also be included. With most of our work subsidised by NZTA and funded in three year programmes there will be some uncertainty for a ten year programme.
Sandra Black	Yes please to tidying up the roads.	
Jill tomlin	Do the basics well. Roads. Please.	

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Tracy Herbert	I think top priority needs to be on road maintenance in the area. However, do it once and do it right please. So many patches on the roads in the district.	
Leanne Chisnall	Fix one road before you start on another.	
Sheree Mackenzie	Would love to see the old gutters and footpaths modernized with underground pipes and grass verges to reduce street flooding and beautify our streets. The current condition of the streets in tinwald is mostly very poor and in desperate need of an upgrade. The end of grove street was recently completed and looks great! Would be even better if the grass verge was on the roadside instead of the property side to allow for trees to be planted.	Drainage and footpath renewals funding is used to replace old dish channel and old footpaths. Try to coordinate so both are done at the same time.
Shawn Driscoll	Fix the roading network	
Leah	Roading infrastructure, second Tinwald bridge	
Jason Paterson	Roads need addressing. Harrison street and Wills street are absolutely wrecked.	The service trenches do provide a rough ride and will be addressed when reseals are due.
Verissa Marilla	Investing in our Roding Network and the 3 Waters should always be on top of the priorities. We should be able to safely drive to all parts of the district. Residents should always have access to safe and clean drinking water. Council should ensure that our wastewater are treated before it is disposed to land and waterways.	
W Thomson	Get foundation under the districts road's please	
Craig Fowles	Roding improvements critical.	
Glen Francis	Roads are terrible, re work on them is even worse, do it once do it right	
Mary	Ever thought of removing the Train Tracks around Ashburton and fixing the roads. Also when council change a road can they please make sure the road/grass area to make back properly not half done.	
Ross Hewson	Need serious push back on the roading management compliance that is overriding sensible control traffic requirements in quiet rural roads and areas at an exorbitant cost for little value. This money would be better spent on improving the roads	Temporary traffic management is in accordance with the Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management (CoPTTM) which is used nationally. The cost of TTM for

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		roading projects ranges from 5-20% depending on the type of work being carried out. TTM does need to be safe and appropriate for the site, the workers and the public driving through the site.
Michael Breading	Road infrastructure needs to be greatly improved. Pot holes get repaired multiple time before getting somewhat repaired with a patch (that more often than not is a very rough repair) maybe fixing the pot hole properly the first time would save money in the long run. Even roads that have been resealed are poorly done.	
Ken Saunders	Have a look at some error decisions made and never were followed up to right. eg. from my gate entry, at 270 Seafield Road and beyond going eastward, dig outs were undertaken about 3 years ago. As Christmas/New Year approached the area to be chip sealed became damaged, the roading contractor requested to delay to chip seal until after New Year to repair the prep base to be sealed, however the council's representative ordered the sealing work be undertaken over the damaged base, I would suggest that the council visit this site to hear how noisy empty trucks are, the noise is terrible, there has been a number of attempts to patch this up, what I needs is to totally restore the area to be sealed and to undertake the sealing work before it becomes damaged this time.	This section of road has been patched and repairs made to hold it until a rehabilitation as the pavement is at the end of its life. Rehabilitation is programmed for 2024/25.
Ian Hydes	The very poor condition of our rural roads must be more important than spending millions on stadium extension. Don't forget rural suppliers pay much higher rates and receive much less benefit than urban dwellers .	
K Taylor	Focus on roading being up to scratch for vehicles and less un wanted projects.	
Leonie	Signs we are an English speaking country English should come first. So refugees can get a quicker understanding of our ways. Speed limit from Tinwald going south should be 50k, right to end of town as it is going North.	English is used first. The speed limit on SH1 in Tinwald is managed by NZTA. Can pass the request on to them.
Kieran	The roads need to be fixed big time!	
Ian and Chris Lill	Catherine street gutters have been bottomless for many years. They should be put on your list for urgent attention.	Replacement of old dish channels are done as a

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		subsidised drainage renewal. The renewal is usually coordinated with power undergrounding (if relevant) and footpath renewal so all work is done at the same time.
Adelle Brown	Roading needs urgent attention - maintenance - stop having to redo the same areas over & over. Do it right the first time!	
Lynnette Bridge	Roading obviously is priority for safety and increase in traffic, getting rid of the bottle neck at Countdown South corner is a safety point so maybe NZTA (Waka Kotahi) need to be involved. Ensure that rain water drain coverings and areas are cleaned prior to predicted rain falls to prevent surface flooding.	SH1 at Countdown South St is managed by NZTA. Sump grates, etc. are checked prior to rain events and also need to be cleaned after the first flush of a rain event because debris does get caught by the grates which is their function to stop debris entering the stormwater system.
Brenda Mobsby	I really think in this day and age we need more money spent on our roads, but we need to invest in company's that can do the job once and do it right. How many times can you patch Beach road for example. Do it once do it right. Hakaterere huts need streetlights, things like this are more important than bigger and better leisure buildings	Beach Road East has been patched to try to hold an old pavement at the end of its life until a rehabilitation can be carried out which is programmed for 2024/25. New streetlights at Hakaterere Huts can be added to the list of Low Cost Low Risk projects.
Dianne Kimber	Ensure all streets have adequate & visible signs i.e. street names & road signs. Please clean and show pride to our old bridge its an eyesore & deserves so much respect.	

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Marilyn Meyer - Veitch	Fix potholes.	
Jill Blacklock	Roading maintenance and water infrastructure upgrades are very important priorities.	
Carlos Cuadrado	Other priorities: Roads and infrastructure please. Things that bring more money to the district.	
David Folley	Maintain the underground infrastructure services plan, Plan on removing old deep storm water channels on many areas of Ashburton roads, pots holes and roading as well	Replacement of old dish channels are done as a subsidised drainage renewal. The renewal is usually coordinated with power undergrounding (if relevant) and footpath renewal so all work is done at the same time.
Sonia McAlpine	Roading, footpaths, repairs and maintenance is a priority.	
Danielle Guise	Fix the roads	
Anna McGregor	Please fix our roads properly, not just put signs up. Don't just fill a hole and seal over it. Actually dig it out properly and repair it with real hot mix, not a water down solution.	
Mike Peters	Try fixing the roads	
Katie Loten	I think roading money would be better spent on fewer better quality repairs. Shoving chip down has done nothing to improve road quality in or around Methven.	
C Taylor	Better contractors for our roads the Methven highway condition is poor with horrific potholes.	SH77 is managed by NZTA
Peter Reveley	I am very concerned that repairs and some reseals are lasting in some cases a very short time before work is need again. This is district wide. I would like to so council carry out an audit to see where to breakdown is happening. As councillors you must want to know why the work is in too many cases needing redone.eg digouts that took 3 weeks to prepare only lasting 1 week before needing patched,3 months latter another dig out.	A range of repairs are carried out depending on the faults, age of pavement, funding available, etc. Pothole patching in a failure is a short term repair. A digout repair followed by a reseal is a medium term repair. A granular overlay as a rehabilitation is the

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		best long term repair. Any rework is a cost to the contractor.
Todd dolan	Fix the dam POT HOLES !!!!	
Mark Saunders	Roading needs more focus we appreciate extra work that has happened in last 12 months.	
Craig Elms	Council also needs to end being screwed over and conned by contractors!! It's embarrassing what they are getting away with and that the council, and thus we the rate payers, are paying for. The projects going on around town are taking 4 or 5 times longer than they took decades ago and weather cannot be blamed. People are sick of these works (mains, new footpath, road sealing), how very long they are taking, and the exceptionally poor quality of them. Road repairs taking 4 to 6 weeks to do, that are then breaking down within 2 months is pathetic!!	
Peter Kilgour	Investment in roading needs to be double the amount that is planned to invest over the next 3 years. Our current roads/ footpaths are a disgrace and I think the contractors who do this work need to be replaced as the quality that has been seen by them over the last 5 to 10 years has been very substandard.	
Andy Bryant	There seems to be a considerable amount of time and money wasted on roading, continuous repairs for example or digging up streets numerous times within a short period.	
GW Russell	The Tinwald traffic lights benefit side road users but have made N-S traffic even more clogged up. I particular occasion - 3 hours from Hinds to north Ashburton.	
W. Melchers	Traffic lights so they are more used friendly. Behind a truck & trailer east st/walnut ave, heading north. Large vehicle lucky to get halfway light turned red. One vehicle if that.	
Brent and Cushla Murdoch	Investment in roading is important. This core service provided by Council is not satisfactory. Frankly the state of the roading network is a disgrace.	
Dan Mihailescu	Speed bumps and islands on Melcombe street? Don't we have enough narrow streets? What is going on, why and how we ended up with those?	Was part of the NZTA state highway Tinwald project to cater for the cyclists using Melcombe St rather than SH1. The speed bumps will also slow down traffic on a street that is used rather than SH1 when busy.

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Barry Vessey	Importance of our roading system being fit for purpose cannot be understated.	
David and Claire Stevens	Roads - need to keep on top of our road and footpath network, not just patching but keeping up quality maintenance.	
Tracy Tait	Fix the roads - properly	
Jeff Williamson	Investment in roading maintenance must be an ongoing priority.	
Paul Cornelius	Roads - Fund roads to ... don't rely in Government funding. be proactive show govt. our needs by rate/reserves funding our roads. You have been given a new council hub to manage our district, roads need to match this.	
R M & J L Wilson	There should be more focus on repairing and upgrading the roads around the district.	
Derek F Annear	Fix the roads properly the first time. Spend a little extra on getting it done properly and make contractors subject to repair for free if repair fails within 12 months. Sweep up all the loose shingle after a road has been resealed. Letting it migrate naturally to the edges is dangerous and can cause new damage, especially when at intersections due to wheel spin when vehicles take off quickly to beat traffic. The loose shingle can tear up freshly laid asphalt causing the need for new repairs. How about getting all contractors doing any sort of roadworks to liaise more closely so that the road is only dug up once, not multiple times in a short space of time. Road Gutter cleaning should be done more regularly and even pre-emptively, if weather has been forecast for a number of weeks how about getting the road gutters cleaned before the weather hits rather than sending out cleanup crews during or after the event. Speed up the process of upgrading the existing deep gutters to the more modern low gutters that are easier to clean using the current gutter cleaning sweeper trucks.	Any rework is at a cost to the contractor.
Ian Jones	Put street lights on Tarbottons Road.	New streetlights on Tarbottons Rd can be added to the list of Low Cost Low Risk projects.
Dianne Challis	Why are road repairs always temporary? Throw some shingle in the potholes top them with some bitumen then wait for the next downpour and they are Where you are putting the second river bridge is WRONG. It's not going to be used by through traffic and so will not fix the state highway traffic problem. You have blinders on about this issue. It is a huge problem and although the right thing to do seems to have been put in the too hard basket, a Ring Road is the only way to fix the problem. I fail to see how this position off Chalmers Avenue is going to reduce the congestion currently seen on SH One.	

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Cathryn McDowell	Improve roading still far too many dangerous pot holes	
Murray Dalton	The traffic flow is poor across Ashburton east to west, and sh1 is not good through Ashburton.	
Campbell Davison	Roading should be the number one priority the council has at the moment as not only is it used by every single one of us as part of our daily lives, but the current diabolical state of the roads around the county is a serious safety issue! They are the worst that they have been for longer than even my 35 years on earth! Beach road is a prime example of the continuation of shoddy work plaguing our roading network, it is like trying to drive on a patch-quilt due to the ridiculous number of repair patches overlapping each other! This creates a very uneven surface, not to mention the complete baldness and lack of camber on the road surface making it extremely dangerous in the wet due to vehicle tyres not having anything to grip to and the rain pooling on the road! It needs to be shut down and ripped up down to the base core and rebuilt properly from River road all the way back to Trevors road!	Beach Road East has two sections programmed for rehabilitation in 2024/25. The patching and repairs have been to try to hold the old pavement at the end of its life until the rehabilitation is done.
Graham Clulee	My top priority is to fix the roads particularly the gravel ones which are in a poor state	
Ferdinand McWhirter	Build foundations under our roads for goodness sake.	
Joel hewson	Simplify & reduce the amount of funding paid for road cones and traffic management in Rural areas. The money will have a lot more value getting spent on the actual road.	
Lawrence Richmond	Improved roading high priority. I drive on Selwyn district rural roads and they have solid maintenance and repair policy. Pot holes filled quickly, intersections road markings repainted regularly. Don't see why that can't happen here.	
Peter Heney	What is needed badly is a reading engineer that will check repairs and reject payment for substandard work, some patches are like driving in a riverbed should not be accepted for payment, it is obvious this work is not checked .	The work is checked by Council engineers and contractors are not paid for work that is not to specification. Any rework is a cost to the contractor. Some patching work is a temporary repair to try to hold an old failed pavement until a funding

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		is available for a permanent repair.
Robert Brooks	Improve local road and footpath maintenance budget throughout the district	
Bruce Mitchell Perry	Maintenance of Reserve roading	
Judy Williams	Pot holes!	
Jude Henderson	Fix the roads properly. They are so bad.	
Andrew Beckley	I suspect the transport options you are going with is the national move to "on demand" or "pay my way" options.	
Keith hyslop	Need to fix the new traffic light layouts and get rid of the red turning arrows.	
Grant Mcfaull	Get rid of the permanent 30k signs and make them during school start / end times only Put the road to the airport back to 70kph - 50k is incorrect for this road ...most ignore it..	When permitted to have static signs the 30 km speed limit at schools will become variable with signs stating school days and the morning and afternoon times.
Toni Duncan	FIX THE ROADS!!!!!!!	
Barry Ayers	Maintaining good waste-management, water supplies and water quality, along with good roading are priorities.	
Merine Dumte	Investment in roading is a priority but the last few contractors employed to do the work have delivered poor quality repairs or seal. The repairs or reseals have ended up worse than before. So we need to better qualify these contractors to ensure our money is spent actually fixing roads, not applying a thin recoat that breaks after a few months.	
john martin	more work on roading and flood water would be great	
Lesley Glassecs	I think the Tinwald via duct is over the top with road marking caravans etc still to go under everyday.	
Perry Hunt	Traffic lights (East/Havelock and East/Moore): Can someone please look again at the timing of these lights. There will be an accident because people are running on late orange/red due to the frustration being caused by the wait times.	
Marion Logan	Has plastic recycling into roads and patches been considered.	Has not been considered by ADC. Has been used in metropolitan areas as there needs to be large volumes of asphalt and

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		aggregate being produced to make it worthwhile to set up to the production including plastic.
Andrew Shepherd	Roads and outdoor spaces/playgrounds - yes	
Joshua Coyle	Get rid of the red turn light on the new traffic lights	
Sonia Thom	Not very productive - there are definitely other areas within the Ashburton district that need to be seen to instead of throwing money at things that don't need it. For example, repairing our roads	
Brian Walters	Roading and maintaining exist infrastructure is important.	
S Scott	The potholes around the district aren't so good and road condition is important, although cost is a factor.	
Jan fitzgerald	Improve the roads and footpaths around the town they are appalling.	
Stuart Wilson	I am very disappointed at the cavalier attitude taken by the Roading Department towards the district gravel roads. With almost 50% of our district roads being gravel, and serving a major part of the rural industry, it is vital to maintain these roads in good useable condition. Gone are the days everyone demanding sealed roads throughout the whole district, but you only have to look back on the history of the maintenance of these gravel roads. It is a fact our unsealed roads lose 48m3 a year through gravel and dust and general usage. Ten years ago the council economized and only applied 25m3 in one year, and it took many years of increased applications to repair the damage. The ratepayers satisfaction with gravel roads has increased over recent years, is this council going to be responsible for a sharp decline in the condition of these roads. You all know my opinion on the continued excessive expenditure on the tourist routes of Thompsons Track and the Scenic Highway. This is to the detriment of many other important sealed roads that provide a lifeline to business in the district. What it means the majority of the ratepayers are subsidizing a lot of out of district users.	Maintenance of the whole network is considered and prioritised to spend the available budget. Unsealed roads are important and will continue to have the routine maintenance and new maintenance metal where and when necessary.
Peter Scott (ECAN)	We thank you for your continued support and contribution to the work of the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee. This includes the Committee's recent focus on preparing the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) 2024-34. Investment is planned to almost double over the next decade in the region's land transport network.	

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	This highlights the significant investment that central and local government need to make to create an innovative, resilient and low emission transport system that helps Canterbury thrive for generations.	
Rachel Thomas / David Acland (Mid Canterbury Federated Farmers)	MCFF fully supports the Council’s approach to investing in the roading network. As per the proposed Infrastructure Strategy, the Council states that a 21% (\$2.7 million per year) funding increase for the 2024-27 period will maintain affordability and meet community expectations for improving the roading network. However, the Strategy also notes that an increase of 58% would maintain our roading network to the standard our community expects. The Council then notes affordability issues for opting for a lower percentage increase. In this respect, it is important the Council ensure community expectations are met as we do not support any drop in the level of service currently provided. Hearing note: Suggests that Council should investigate a roading differential in the future.	Affordability by both ADC and NZTA is what determines the increase. For NZTA this is across the country.
Selwyn Price	Instead of increasing our investment in roading - already equivalent to building a Te Whare Whakare every four years - consider not providing maintenance for those roads that only service a few properties, because they are essentially ratepayer-funded driveways.	
Christine and Graeme Taylor	In the other hand...the quality and disrepair of our country roads in particular is appalling! I’m sure you know and have heard about it, let’s get on and get it sorted.	
Sarah Stanaway & Robert Schikker (Mount Somers District Citizens Association)	Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road 100km speed limit is too fast entering the township. It needs to be reduced from 100km to at least 70km or 60km like Mayfield; from the south bridge to just beyond Ashburton Gorge Road for multiple safety reasons. There have been many new families move into Mt Somers township with a lot more children around the village roads and the amount of road traffic has increased on Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road substantially. Currently there are three road entries to the township off ARG Road - they are Hoods Road, Pattons Road and Ashburton Gorge Road. There are no safe turning lanes available for those vehicles wanting to turn into the township and a reduction in speed is required for safety. Since our last submission in 2021 the traffic has tripled, with more truck and trailers using this road more and more with engine brakes being using 24 hours a day. We would like signage to ask trucks to not use these in this stretch of road and to reduce speed in and around the township.	The speed limit at Mt Somers can be included in a speed limit review. Mayfield has much more roadside development than Mt Somers so warrants the lower speed limit.

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Mary O'Brien (CCS Disability Action)	Investment in roading is important, and transport systems that are available, accessible, and affordable enable citizens to engage in work, education, community, and leisure activities that are essential for a healthy and meaningful life . Recommendations: • The development of a high-level policy commitment to improving transport accessibility. • Systematically improve access by committing a small percentage of the budget e.g.1% to the following: - • Targeting investment in areas that will create the greatest benefit e.g. CBD's, areas with high populations of disabled/elderly people etc. • Identifying areas to target access improvements by consulting with disabled people, and depending on issues identified conducting Street Accessibility Audits/Mobility Parking Review etc. Using the information to prioritise areas/defects that create the greatest risk that need prompt attention, Reversal of previous speed reductions We recommend that cost benefit/cost analysis criteria used to make decisions regarding the reversal of recently introduced speed restrictions around schools etc. and make a strong case to the relevant authorities to maintain the speed reductions that have been implemented. Hearing note: Supportive of a bus service for Ashburton, eg something similar to Timaru's my way	Improvements for accessibility (kerb crossings, crossing points, etc. are part of improvement/upgrade projects. Speed limits will be reviewed but there is not the intention to reversing speed limit reductions (e.g. at schools). There is the desire to having variable 30 speed limits at schools during peak morning and afternoon times only but only if static signs are able to be used rather than electronic signs.
Andrew Mackenzie	Roading is a major	
Wells Family Trust	Fix existing infrastructure such as roads	
M. Michael	Personally think that roading should always be a priority	
Richard Tucker	Improve our roads as they are crap	
Laura George	work is needed on congestion in tinwald and town.	
Fiona White	Fix the roads.	
Paul Veitch	Repairs roads	
Gillian O'Connor	Roading infrastructure is important. Roding both in town and in our outlying areas must be a priority - it isn't something that has much glamour but we must put that aside and ensure that our community, businesses and farming operations are not negatively impacted by the poor state of roads.	

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Bryony Digby	Roading is definitely an issue and the second bridge is urgent. Ashburton is getting a really bad name for the slowness of traffic through the town and the newer light installations are not helpful for traffic flow.	
Sarah Crispin	Please remove those awful road obstacles/hazards down Malcombe Street in Tinwald. NZTA has ruined a perfectly good road. I walk that way daily to daycare and i have NEVER EVER seen a cyclist. They would be best to put that cycle lane back on the main road and move that median strip back to where it was, I often have to walk the whole way on that narrow bit of road with a pram...bc there is still too much traffic and we cannot cross.	Was part of the NZTA state highway Tinwald project to cater for the cyclists using Melcombe St rather than SH1. The speed bumps will also slow down traffic on a street that is used rather than SH1 when busy.
Stacie mclean	Roading and second bridge are top top priorities	
D.Stewart	Keep up road maintenance	
Roger Henderson (Shelf)	Need to sort traffic out going through Ash	
Brenda Mobsby	Hakaterere huts need street lights, things like this are more important than bigger and better leisure buildings	
Sarah Stanaway	I am submitting about road speed reductions urgently required, for vehicles entering Mt Somers Village township on Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road - from Hoods Road to Ashburton Gorge Road, along with signs for no engine brakes entering the township. There are three main intersections on ARG Road that are without turning lanes that enter the township; with the speed of 100km is extremely dangerous and requires to be reduced in the same ways that Mayfield township has a speed of 60km while driving through it for safety.	
Gary Clancy	Street lights for River road at Lower Hakaterere. There are none currently near 50 householders who are all ratepayers. There are street lights at Upper Hakaterere (Hakterere Drive) but none at Lower Hakaterere (River Road). This is a basic safety and security amenity which is long overdue.	
Jonathan Poff	Mount Somers needs traffic calming features and a speed limit reduction. There's too much high speed traffic for a town with a primary school, where kids routinely bike and play in the streets.	
Val Knight	Big notice on height viaduct Melcombe St	
Lesley Glassecs	I think the Tinwald via duct is over the top with road marking caravans etc still to go under everyday.	

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Tomoko Wright	Development of rural towns. Build a overhead bridge for the bicycle and pedestrian in SH1 Rakaia.	
Peter King	As I live in Rakaia we need the speed limit lowered on the state highway and a safe way of getting across it on foot. Maybe traffic lights at the Elizabeth Avenue intersection, an under or over pass or a pedestrian crossing with a center island somewhere along the highway.	
Jess Salisbury	Also work out how to extend the Rakaia bridge, the traffic and the constant bridge closure due to a crash or break down happens way more often than it needs to. This is something that should be looked into as it would benefit all!!!	

2.2 Footpaths

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Roxy	Slippery footpaths all around Tinwald	
Judith Roulston	Don't put grass outside properties. Not enough room to pass when walking with friends and dog, the owners don't mow the grass. Looks untidy.	
Marie Gifkins	The streets with green grass over the footpath need removing, in wet weather walkers feet get wet, as only room for single file, also a lot of people do not have a lawnmower, when downsizing. Put a STOP to any more - bring on the spray	Footpaths and grass berms will continue to be constructed on the roadside between kerb and channel and property boundaries on local roads. Full berm width footpaths are constructed in high use areas (e.g. outside shops, schools)
Contributor 1642	Get rid of lichen on footpaths. Make them safe for walking or using a scooter on.	
Kimberley Grayling	I would like to see a footpath running the boundary of Ashburton Domain to provide a safe/visible route for runners, but also a practical surface for mums with prams, wheelchairs, bikes etc	

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Michelle Griffiths	Footpath on cambridge street ,up to wakanui road needs proper repair, and tar seal. Extremely dangerous Used by lots if families going to hampstead school. Use some money on small things not just large buildings.	Footpath renewal is programmed. Had been delayed until the power undergrounding which is now complete.
Jan fitzgerald	Improve the roads and footpaths around the town they are appalling.	
Stuart Wilson	The council is to be complimented in upgrading the footpaths in the western side of Tinwald, notwithstanding the expenditure was passed two years ago. I challenge Councillors to negotiate the TWM road corner into Tarbottons road at night. There is an absolute lack of illumination there, and the whole length of Tarbottons Road is without any street lights, which is very poor for Residential C.	New streetlights on Tarbottons Rd can be added to the list of Low Cost Low Risk projects.
Annie Jacobs	It would be great if there were accessible tracks (suitable for wheelchairs) around Lake Clearwater and Lake Camp. Currently there are tracks which are quite unsafe as some of the tracks are deeply rutted which catch pedals and results in a fall. A cattle stop or gate in the fenceline at the western end of Lake Clearwater would be fabulous.	
Stephanie Brown	More attention to storm water drainage in Methven. I own an older building at 30 Forest Dr. The back of the building runs along McKerrow St. The curb and channel are newer than the building. The gravel foot path slopes toward the building. When it rains water flows from the foot path into the building. This is not ideal for a building that is rented to a gym business. Having a hard surface footpath which slopes away from the building would stop/mitigate the flooding issue.	The footpath to be inspected and changes made if possible.

2.3 Other traffic / Trains

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Salome Bester	The railway overbridge can be more of a feature. How about building a bridge over SH1 and the railway to replace one set of traffic lights. It will definitely reduce the traffic jams on SH as it seems the new bridge over the river maybe a pipe dream.	
Trudy Fifita	slow trains to 50kph	
Julia McLean (North Canterbury Equestrian Advocacy Group)	- NCEAG ask that the Ashburton District Council support road safety messaging to educate the public and keep horses and their riders safe on roads. This to be included in the Regional Transport Plan. A campaign to educate and advise drivers of the importance of passing horse riders slowly (20km) is recommended. NZTA Road to Zero 2020-2030 has no mention of horse riders. - NCEAG ask that the Ashburton District Council take a proactive role in ensuring unformed legal road access is retained and to work with the equestrian community on any identified areas of improved public access. See full submission for more details	The Road Code provides advise on riding past horses. Can be included in road safety messaging however there is not a history of issues with horses on roadsides. Intersections will continue to be the main focus. Council will work with the Walking Access Commission on any issues raised on ULRs.

3. PUBLIC TRANSPORT & CYCLING & HORSE RIDING

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

3.1 Public transport / other forms of transport

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Aaron Tily	Public transport as the current taxi service is beyond a joke.	
Rosalie Romero	Public Transport to Chch, either bus or train. Stopping at small towns, Rakaia, Rolleston.	
Tammy Hay	Bus service.	
Sandeep Kumar	I am happy with anything but main concern is if there is a passenger train between Christchurch to Dunedin will be great for many people.	
John Tarry	Even if Ashburton gets a public transport system (which would be awesome) I don't think that the roads' would be that less congested.	
Gretchen Hart	Work with kiwirail to get a passenger train service again. Work with e can to get small buses moving around the district.	
James Postlethwaite	Initiatives to get people of their cars, particularly around school drop offs	Council has recently approved Plan Change 5 to its District Plan. This allows consideration of new high traffic generation activities (including schools) and alternatives to private vehicles.
Salome Bester	Why can't there be a passenger train to Christchurch?	Likely lack of users and the very high cost to run.
Valeska Scott (Well-being Ōpuke)	Maybe put more resources on transport from rural communities so more people can access thing in Ashburton town.	
Dianne Kimber	I suggest we plan regular bus services as a priority. Our town is stretched in many directions. We have a lot of elderly residents who have to keep driving perhaps longer than they safely can. We have workers travelling to their employment and the many business hubs regularly who could use the bus service. Once the public gain confidence in the service it would reduce the number of vehicles on our very crowded roads. Thanks for listening.	

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Vince Barry - Regional Director (National Public Health Service - Te Waipounamu Region)	NPHS Te Waipounamu strongly encourage Council to dedicate funding to providing multi-modal transport options, including public transport, active transport and micro-mobility modes, such as e-scooters and e-bikes. Supporting more people to use active and public transport will reduce congestion, cut transport emissions and increase physical activity, benefitting the health of people and the planet. NPHS Te Waipounamu encourages Council to prioritise and fund actions that encourage using these transport modes, such as through trialling on-demand public transport options, behaviour change initiatives at schools and workplaces, improving safety through speed management, and building infrastructure that make these modes an attractive and easy choice.	
Margaret J Haskett	A bus service is BADLY NEEDED as the town is so spread out. And for elderly residents parking is a problem because it is very hard to get a park and be able to walk to the area required. Also for Drs & Hospital appointments in Ashburton as many people no longer drive. Shingle needs to be extracted from riverbeds to help the water flow in times of high rainfall. This could also be used to provide more stop banks as a future insurance against flooding, such as is happening in other countries.	Rivers are a Regional Council function.
Kathy Harrington-Watt (Safer Mid Canterbury)	It is surprising that public transport is not included in any of the priority planning lists, especially given that the council has recently partnered in a research survey to ascertain public transport need in Ashburton and the results have not yet been made public. The lack of public transport in Ashburton disadvantages those who cannot drive, do not want to drive, cannot afford a car or to run a car, and those without a licence. This means there are people resident in Ashburton where accessing essential services is a problem, such as shopping, jobs, medical centres, hospital, school and other education services, banks, pharmacy, library, support services and agencies etc. The people most affected by a lack of public transport are those who are disabled, aged, children and youth, unemployed, migrants and former refugees. While there is a limited taxi service, they cannot service demand at peak times and not everyone can afford or access reduced rates. There are a number of services and agencies that are using precious funding to transport people to appointments and services. It is of great concern that ADC is not seeing public transport as a priority in the long term plan? It is the predominantly your vulnerable residents who have limited resources that should be considered as a priority in any long term planning. This is the	Ashburton Public Transport Research Report down to be presented to Council 5 June. The research to inform possible public transport trials/options.

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	fundamental question? Should assisting the vulnerable residents in your community to access essential services and needs be a priority in a long term plan?	
Julia McLean (North Canterbury Equestrian Advocacy Group)	Improved inclusion of horse riders in planning and decision making around new and existing pathways/trails.	
Anne Scott (Spokes Canterbury)	Spokes Canterbury would like to see bus services (operated by Environment Canterbury but with infrastructure provided by local Councils), similar to MyWay in Timaru, trialled in Ashburton and Tinwald.	

3.2 Cycling

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Carolyn Milesi	I would like to see more bike trails like Queenstown/Cromwell and Christchurch. We are a very barren area for this growing community	
Philip Quaid	Present to the community a coherent plan to provide, over time, for an enhancement of the walking/ cycle ways within Mid Canterbury.	
Willy Leferink	We also like support for a cycle way along the foothills which connects to cycle ways in North and South Canterbury.	
Ian Clark	Cycling tourism. I would like to see more investment in this rapidly growing activity. An example of this is Central Otago where cycling tourism is a major drawcard especially now with E bikes allowing older or non sporty people to enjoy this great leisure activity. I believe the River areas such as Rakaia, Ashburton (west to Mt Somers) and an Ashburton - Methven track linking the two places should be considered. Methven now has a world class pool complex to compliment winter skiing tourism.	

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Julia McLean (North Canterbury Equestrian Advocacy Group)	- NCEAG ask for equal inclusion, consideration and funding for recreational horse riding with respect to infrastructure planning, design, and construction. We request inclusive shared path trails (existing and future) that provide safe spaces and places for people to actively participate in, and enjoy, their chosen recreational activity. - NCEAG asks that the Ashburton District Council develop a Walking and Riding Strategy that is supported by an advocacy group made up of key community and advocacy representatives in horse riding, walking, and cycling. An example of this in working is the Hurunui District Council's Hurunui Trails Trust. See full submission for more detail	Noted by Open Spaces Planning
Alison Lamont Westwood	Investigate a circular cycle way around the town outskirts.	
Liz Depree	It seems much of this LT Plan has a focus on recreational facilities - most based in Ashburton town. What about a district-wide cycleway extension that would bring outsiders to our district and benefit the area as a whole? A change of mindset from centralization to a more rural focus would be welcome from Rakaia.	
Kate White	- great to see investment in walking and cycling... PLEASE consult CYCLISTS when making changes so we don't get repeat debacles like the absolutely hopeless cycle lane on Cass street where cyclists not only have to share the lane with pedestrians but they have to stop at every intersection and get off to cross the road! 🙄 If you wonder why no one uses this, that is why! It is much more sensible to ride on the road where you don't have to stop at all between Havelock & Moore streets. I strongly support the PROMOTION of cycling and the normalising of it - great to see councillors and staff who bike or walk or e scooter to work instead of drive (I know not possible for everyone). ADC could push the nationwide Aotearoa bike challenge (Feb) and promote: https://www.lovetoride.net/ which I see is supported by many other councils. Both internal and external promotion of cycling/ active transport would be good to see. Does council have bikes for staff use as well as cars? For many short trips through town it's often just as quick to use a bike (and more enjoyable). Is it really easy and clear for bikes to access and park at the entrance to Te Whare Whakatare? The Art Gallery? EA Networks? Are enough suitable bike stands/ lock up areas provided?	Currently Council does not have cycles for staff. Bike stands have been included in Baring Square to cater for the new facilities.
Joan Lawn	I would like to see safer cycling lanes in the heavier traffic areas.	

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Angela Rushton	How long will it take to build a new bicycle park like Timaru has	The approved proposal commencement and development is being undertaken by a combined group of service clubs and contingent upon them sourcing the required funding.
Noel Batty	Keep supporting Hakatere Trail , and support west development towards Mayfield. Bike park by ACL and track to Melrose Rd is brilliant.	
Rae Butler	Get bums on bikes more bicycle lanes	
Reon & Tanya Hulme	We would like to see ADC invest in a district wide bike trail around Mid Canterbury which would enhance the wellbeing of our community as well as attract new visitors to our district so a wellness and economic benefit.	
Bernadette Ward	A new link to the river bike trail from EA Networks Centre would be a well used asset, providing an access way to the track additional to the bridge access and Melrose Road.	Noted – challenging as the connection route would travel through industrial area or across shooting range
Brett Evans	Extend Ashburton river bike track to Mt Somers. This track towards the coast is very popular and the extension will increase commercial activity in Mt Somers. Also some thought around the Te Araroa trail uses in the area. The ADC is located in a unique section of the track where users require to resupply from Methven and Mt Somers as they navigate between the Rakaia and Rangitata rivers. Surely we can offer better valued service to the track users and create a revenue stream for the district	
Neil Pluck (Rakaia Community Association)	The Rakaia community has enjoyed creating and working on extending our community walking and biking tracks along the river terrace and the edge of town and we are looking to extend our trail to the east side of Rakaia. The Rakaia trail was started at the same time as a small group of people were working on the idea of a district wide trail, about 10 years ago, the Rakaia community would like to see the council's tourism arm re-launch a district wide walking and biking trail. We see this as reasonably easy to achieve well inside 10 years as there are already community trails in place which simply need linking up via existing infrastructure, e.g. river stopbanks, RDR and Barhill Chertsey irrigation maintenance tracks.	
Anne Scott (Spokes Canterbury)	Spokes Canterbury supports capital and operational spending on walking and cycling infrastructure, but the proposed spend is tiny compared to spending on road	

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	improvements (for motor vehicles). More investment is needed to encourage mode shift and ensure the safety of users of all ages and abilities. • Investment in cycle infrastructure requires little maintenance and has numerous health and environmental benefits. • Increasing use of active transport and public transport reduces wear on our roads. Ashburton has made some good changes in the centre city to improve walkability and reduce speeds, but the designs for the most part are still mostly car and parking centric. Ashburton has wide roads where it would be easy to dedicate some of the space to separated cycle lanes. There are people cycling in Ashburton but most are young males which is a good indication that the infrastructure is not yet safe enough for the “interested by concerned” cyclists who are often women, children, and the over 65s on e-bikes (the fastest growing cycling category in NZ). Consider putting in some temporary cycleways similar to the Park Terrace cycleway in Christchurch or the new cycleways in Wellington as a good way to gauge demand (particularly near schools). There also needs to be more safe, secure cycle parking (e.g. hoops as they fit most bikes) at key destinations, and cycle friendly maps and directional signs. Spokes supports the need for a second Ashburton Bridge that the government is proposing to fund. It is important this bridge comes with a separated option to walk and cycle across the bridge that is at least 4m wide with good approaches on each side. • Spokes would like Ashburton District Council to push for this active travel lane on the bridge through Waka Kotahi and/or fund it themselves if the government will not fund it. • We do not want to be in a situation where short-sighted decisions cut off safe active travel access for decades to come. • The walking and cycling connection should to be accessible for all. It should work for mobility devices, trikes, cargo bikes and other family friendly active transport methods. • Safe, separated walking and cycling access across bridges is also good for cycle tourists who provide economic benefits to the region.	

4. SPENDING PRIORITIES

4.1 General

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Michael Danna	You guys should be concentrating on essential infrastructure investment ONLY right now. People can't afford for you to keep hiking rates to pay for frivolous spending - just like we tell children, do that e when you have the money!	
Lynne McDonald	Look at maintaining and improving existing rather than huge money new items.	
Carol Brown	Ashburton now have a Art Gallery/Museum, EA Networks Centre, Council /Library perhaps we need to limit spending to only essential needs. Take time to evaluate what our debt is, DO NOT keep spending that will increase our rates to an unacceptable level like in other councils. Make decisions, not set it aside because it is unpopular. Then as some say you said 30yrs ago, chose options??? but did not proceed with them.	
R Hawkes	Feel you are very quick to spend more money ie build another pool or extend more courts at EA. It should have been built correctly the first time and the new library and council buildings cost was extreme!!!!	
Tammy Hay	The council's new big building was not a priority it does not save any cost to us rate payers. Save money stop spending it on your selves spend it on our roads. Railway. Bus service. Bridge. Not the tinwald lights that was a silly idea.	
Mark Cressey	Spend on projects that will have the maximum impact on economic activity, generating more income over time.	
Troy Baker	Stop wasting money on pointless shit. Start listening to what the people in town actually want. Every time the council does something it's the expensive option and not actually wanted.	
Kathlee Cavill	Don't you think the rates are high enough. Where's the money from (duck pond) lake hood. Rates money paid for that and the money from building houses was ment to go back to rate payers. It's a new bridge more important than wasting money on shortening the roads. Why pull buildings down when there are other ways to use them? Why can't you all stop and think and listen to what people really want for this town. You need to focus on what is more important to bring people into Ashburton to shop. You can't fix what's not broken. When fixing pot holes do it properly then you not wasting good money on bad jobs that need to be	Revenue from property sales is typically invested into other capital activities or paying down debt from capital expenditure. In addition the interest

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	done again in a few months. How many inspectors need to look at a job. Half of them don't even know what they are ment to be looking at. If you ask Ashburton nz people what they want then you might be able to save money instead of throwing money down the drain.	earned from the income in the bank also contributes to reducing rates.
A Eden	Council - look back at the roots of the Community. Learn what "Wants" and "Needs" are and budget accordingly. You have lost your way and forgotten about your voters and rate payers. We can't keep paying for projects that blow out due to blatant mismanagement and redo's of projects that were done badly. Start looking at you local contractors who employ locals. After all your slogan is "Shop Local". How many out of town contractors are currently on Ashburton projects. Ashamedly - too many. Also sadly, our comments on these submissions will be lost on deaf ears. Many won't submit as they believe you have stopped listening.	Councils procurement policy provides for a requirement to consider "local value".
Ed Eason	Never lose sight of that fact, that roading and water services , are the two main services that council should be providing for, as the first items allocated funds, out of any budget, long before any other items are considered.	
Nicola Pace	Please please please stop wasting our money on art galleries and museums and more netball courts when our roads are atrocious, we are struggling to get by on current rates and actually use money wisely!	
Daniel Morris	More money needs to go for roading and keeping the streets clean and looking good. So much was wasted on the new library and buildings, enough with pet projects, still to basics	
Mark Cressey	Spend on infrastructure. (Water/Roads etc)	
Julian Yeatman	Roads water sewage are the most important thing for council to focus on	
Grahame Kelly	Deal with one thing at a time, do it well, then check what funds are available for the next project. If any project is going to make a serious impact on ratepayers then it should be abandoned or left for a time when the financial situation permits.	By spreading the large capital projects across the years, we are able to review progress and budgets at each of the annual planning and long-term planning processes.
Ron Smith	I think you should spend within your means. Stop borrowing big money on Think Big projects that aren't needed. Concentrate on infrastructure like water, wastewater, roading and footpaths. These are needed every day to get the people to work that helps the economy. The rest are just wants.	

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
R Breading.	Look after what we already have. Stop wasting money	
Peter George	Be prudent with ratepayers money, times are tough rates are high, some families are struggling. These projects if going ahead should possibly be user funded.	
Marc Rupp	With the current economic climate, maintaining or reducing rate costs should be a priority. Perhaps more PPP type projects need to be considered if greater facilities are desired rather than the rates continually rising with disregard to the wage increase disparity.	
Athol New	Need to stay focused on core services, updating art centre is not a core service. Focus on infrastructure like roads, and water services.	
Belinda dalton	Get debt down - stop raising rates as cost of living is already hard as it is Spend wisely	
Craig Snook	Stop telling ratepayers there's no money to do things. And then spend millions on making things pretty!!! How much did the new chambers and library end up costing us?	Project costs are in the process of being finalised.
Debra Kerr	Stop spending money on frivolous fluffing the town and start repairing, maintaining and building new infrastructure	
Jim Lischner	Footpaths , town roading and water supply remain the top priority.	
John Hooper	Focus on infrastructure. Good quality water, safe roads, effective sewage systems Dont over spend. Consolidate We have the most modern library in the country. While there is a recession, sheep farmers are struggling to make ends meet and we have very dry conditions just concentrate on infrastructure and manage the rate payers money carefully.	
Gordon Tupper	Life services (water, waste etc) must remain the priority services for Council along with careful management of rate increases. Identifying other revenue streams such the business park and other property activities should be maximised to offset the costs to the ratepayer.	
Craig Elms	There needs to be no spending on pet projects unless it benefits the district as a whole.	
Contributor 815	I believe that the council needs to have a really hard think about the money they are spending, \$3m to spend on a pool is just absolutely beyond believable. In hard times that we are facing currently heading face first into a recession I believe that we should be minimising all non necessary spending. Some of the projects and suggestion I have seen in the previous pages are just frivolous spending for the sake of spending, please do not forget that you are running a business you should be spending money with limited risk just the same as any other local business, you are not being bank rolled by the rate payers and the government.	

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Arvin Acidera	We don't want another increase in our rates just to fund unnecessary and unimportant projects	
Gaby lange	Your priorities aren't right	
Mike Hermansen	Sell ACL as not a core council activity. Council members playing business people using other peoples money. Pay down debt. Get back to doing what the rate payers want. Key roads and services!!!!	ACL provides a dividend to Council that helps reduce the burden of rates on the rate payer. For the last three years this has been an average of \$1.2million per year.
Contributor 907	Don't spend any money! Keep the status quo for the next 5 years! No family can afford the increase in rates that you are planning! So many people are already struggling!	
James Stewart	As we are currently entering a recession, please focus on core infrastructure expenditure costs and ensure the public that all savings and cost trimmings are being undertaken.	
Chris Woods	Your priorities are very out of touch	
Pete Rooney	Stop wasting money and increasing my rates bill every year!!!! Control your spending and keep it only to the essentials. Get your budget under control. It's my bank account the money comes from eventually and I'm sick of you wasting it.	
Leith Naughton	Spend tightly. Why throw rate payers money at things while increasing rates during financial times like this?	
Murray Bland	There is a limit to how much money ratepayers can pay. Its all very well for council to do these projects but ratepayers dont have money trees. Council went overboard spending on the new council library building	
Lorna Wallace	Need to get back to basics. Only so much money ratepayers can afford especially on a pension.	
John Corbett	I am reluctant to see Council debt levels increase. Perhaps a period of consolidation after finishing library.	
Mark & Helen Callaghan	In these economic times the Basics are what is required not fancy projects.	
Stephen Lewthwaite	Maintain core council responsibilities	
Geoff	Council needs to pull its head in where spending rate payers money is concerned instead of just putting up the rates. (\$500,000 for lights at the Arts Centre is outrageous!) If the Centre was making a profit and not being propped up by Council grants, it could afford it's own	

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	lights, thereby freeing the \$500,000 for roads. The Council has now set a precedence for other organisations to aim for and be accepted.	
Jeane Calvert	Keep a focus on community needs and prioritise spending for the good of the community.	
Ses Webber	There's not enough money.	
Louise Davidson	In a time of recession and high cost of living, where most families are struggling to make ends meet, you as a council should be doing everything to cut spending and pass those savings on the rate payers. Not hiking up the rates making it even harder for families to survive.	
M Farnell	While it would be nice to have all these things lots of people are struggling to put food on their tables and big rates increases will add to the stress.	
Sonya Spencer	Cost of living crisis so please use our money wisely, we don't need pet projects we need bridges only a matter of time before we are cut off from the north get this sorted ASAP	
Graeme Foster	Don't forget all ratepayers are struggling financially and it is important to maintain infrastructure in the rural areas also without burdening the farming communities.	
b corah	tighten the belt, ratepayers are being hit enough	
Geoff Webster	Stop wasting money on things that we don't need	
Garry Allen	Keep any rate rise to an absolute minimum...keep council projects to the basics like roading and 3 waters.	
Colin LILL	1st priority should be underground services, (sewerage, water.) next on ground services (Rubbish, Roads) lastly other above ground "things" (buildings, arts, social etc.) only when finances allow	
William Travaille	I think we need to maintain the basic functions of council well without having grandiose plans that would put pressure on rates	
John Moore	Main priority is to take a break from spending. We are a town and shouldn't try and keep up with our city neighbors. The council needs to get onto selling there old chamber building. Alot of extra cost has been used for new furniture and increasing the size of the new building to accommodate Ecan. That rental contract should have been signed before construction, just another over site.	
Bronwyn Gilchrist	Agree with the decisions with the green waste one being a priority!	
Natahl Taufa	Fix tinwald pool first, no extra bin , rates are high enough	
Olsen	There should be more funding for arts in the community.	

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Elizabeth Bell	Stop using ratepayers money for unnecessary things. The money that council has and is borrowing is a noose around the neck of everyone in the community. The new civic centre is an extravagance that was totally unnecessary.	
Mary Ralston	Capital investment or property purchase of areas with high conservation values should be a priority eg, Lows Cutting. The cost of retaining and enhancing such a significant site is very minimal compared to the capital and maintenance outlay for a swimming pool or the art gallery.	
Anne Farrelly	Would rather have reduced rates that benefits all the community. Much better option at the moment than some of the projects that benefit only a small number of people.	
Nigel Farrelly	Reduce spending on areas that benefit only small percentage of ratepayers.	
Rachel Thomas / David Acland (Mid Canterbury Federated Farmers)	MCFF recommendation regarding rates is for Council to consider all proposed projects in the LTP and prioritise only those that are essential, to reduce the overall rate increase. See full submission 3.8-3.15 for more details.	
S Scott	The council needs to seriously look at costs to the ratepayer for developing parks etc, some of it may be nice but how necessary and I have massive concern over the massive rate hikes we have experienced over the last few years and that seem to be projected for our future.	
Andrew Mackenzie	Only need to do what is absolute necessity and not spend money on unwanted and needles projects until debts reduced.	
Wells Family Trust	We don't need more money wasted on non-essential items such as sport and leisure facilities which not everyone can use even though they are required to pay for them.	

4.2 Support local

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Carmen Lye	ADC are also well known for contracting work to out of town architects, planners, printers etc, it would be great to see them supporting local in all areas.	Councils procurement policy provides for a requirement to consider "local value".

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Contributor 116	It would also help if ADC utilised local business and services to also create more revenue in the district.	
Liam Sheppard	Probably not even worth doing this you lot have probably already made your mind up, here's an idea though support permanent businesses and stop supporting likes of caravans that come and go, they reap all the reward leaving business that are there for the locals with nothing.	
Warren Deuart	You need to stop & think. We don't have to have the best all the time. Also look at using local businesses and their expertise to do things in the district. Keep the money locally.	

4.3 Efficiency

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Murray Hawkes	Long term plan should include an objective for the ADC to leverage technological and IT advances to allow significant reduction in management. Administrative and consultant staffing and cost with the objective of a diminishing payroll of at least 5% (inflation adjusted) per year for the duration of the plan. This should include freezing of management salaries until such time as rates reductions are achieved. The council is a bloated and unaccountable bureaucratic monster.	
Gordon Tupper	Operational efficiencies should form part of the LTP. Doing things smarter, more efficiency, deliver better services and at lower costs should form a significant part of this LTP. I feel this isn't being considered enough.	
Peter Muir	Taking a look at council staffing requirements looking at the possibility of consolidating positions to reduce staff costs.	
D Prendergast	Could you do without 5% of back-office council staff. Like Government departments	
John Bruce	One question do we really need all the staff employed. Have you thought of doing job evaluations to check?	

5. RATES

5.1 General

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
DJ Kinvig	Rates are too expensive now with out more new projects	
S Carr	I just worry costs go up and up and how do household afford these things?	
Mark Cressey	Keep rates rises to CPI	
Trudy Fifita	Do not put up rates, give us a break its a struggle to pay the mortgage with interest rates and then the council rates just rip my grocery money away from my kids. Have a heart	
Abigail Donaldson	No as mentioned in my previous comments NO more spending. Do NOT increase rates Work for the ratepayers as councillors not waste money like you all have been	
Craig McNabb	Sitting council need to keep the business side in check and held to account. Our rates should be used toward the areas outlined and not wasted. This should be publicly available so Ashburton can hold our council to account.	
Nicola Wall	I support our council keeping the rates increases down to the rate of inflation. If the average rate over the next ten years is budgeted to be 6.74% each year, as they claim in the long term plan, I would like to see the spending for each of the next 3 years kept to this level also.	
Belinda Dixon	Keep our rate increases to a minimum.	
Owen Moore (Ashburton Aviation Museum)	The museum is in the process of adding to its display space with a new display hangar, reception area etc. This building will have a purpose built area that will be a small item display area but can also be used as a function area making it a lot less work for museum staff when preparing for a function. We do have a concern that the ADC in its pursuit of making the airport operate at no cost to the ratepayers could see the museum as a cash cow and up the rent and rates to levels that make the museum unsustainable. We are seeing this type of activity from ADC with the small hangars at the airport at the moment. The Ashburton Aviation Museum is up for a rent review and we would have liked to have seen it before this but for some reason known only to ADC we have not seen it as yet. This sort of activity from ADC does nothing to foster good relationships.	Rent reviews are not part of the long term planning process. Individual leases are confidential between the two parties and key terms are agreed at the start. In general terms, the lease document sets out key terms such as the rent, the outgoings

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
	We think that what we do for the community, the youth of the town, the accommodation places of the town and the eateries show that the museum is great asset to the town. We would like to see our rates and rent set at a level that shows support for the museum and that on-going reviews are kept to the CPI Index.	(including who pays rates), the rent review methodology, the frequency for each rent review and the dispute resolution process.
Vince Barry - Regional Director (National Public Health Service - Te Waipounamu Region)	NPBS Te Waipounamu recognises the need for the proposed rates increase to fund services and projects that promote social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing outcomes. The risk to public health from deteriorating assets outweighs the benefits of rates remaining unchanged. However, we acknowledge that rate increases will have inequitable effects on already disadvantaged populations, particularly older people on fixed incomes.	
Des Wallace	The whole rating system is wrong. Rating on property is unfair it should be the number of people in the property rate, not the value of property	Council follows the Local Government Rating Act (2002).
Sue Haines	Will be choosing to sell my home and move to a more affordable area which will be a shame as Ashburton is potentially awesome to reside in but upcoming costs outstrip my earnings and next to be let go are my insurances. Thank you.	
Irene Pickerwell	None, really rates will go up, but you have to make changes for a growing town, and you want people to come and live here.	
Matthew Colgan	Stop putting rates up. You need to work within a budget	
Caroline Hitchcock	The rates increases are going to be very difficult for some families. These increases need to be carefully managed over time. In the past rural rates have been impacted more for what rural residents receive to support urban projects. I think there is limited tolerance and capacity for this to continue and the council needs to be mindful of the balance between rural and urban rates.	
Doug Coley	Rates increase ... pretty sure I read somewhere Rates would rise by 8.7 % per year for 3 years.....think this too much for alot of Homeowners to sustain and Council should Sell some existing Assets to fund some of the forecast projects. Before some Homeowners would have to Sell there Asset to afford to live.	Proposed average rate increases across the first three years are 10.6%, or Year 1 – 9.9% Year 2 – 11.1% Year 3 – 10.9%

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E J T	your rates rises are unrealistic and you have just spent so much money on a new building that ratepayers shouldn't pay for. look at restructuring to save spending instead.	
Shannae Hooper	Lower the rates. Times are tough as it is.	
Contributor 1168	You guys put up these options just to tick boxes and make yourself feel good! Nothing anyone says is taking onboard!! If rates go up for a single person in this day and age it will be cheaper for me not to live on this earth.... Look after everyone not just the rich!!!	
Sue Stewart	I live in Methven on a pension, my rates are so expensive now, in comparison with other places, I do not use any facilities in Ashburton so I don't see why I have to cover any costs for this and the increases you are planning is so wrong, as I will not benefit from any, people are really struggling at the moment and these increases will never encourage people to buy a home, get back to basics and stop spending money un necessary. We can all submit these ideas but I feel it falls on deaf ears which is very sad.	
Peter Reveley	With the present economic outlook being quite bad with many having to be very careful I would like to see the average rate in the next 4 years not exceed 6.5%.Even big companies are in trouble so let council try to reduce what you have already put out. The 2nd bridge has a chance of a big rate rise if \$7-5M is not adhered to.	
Don Shannon	I cant afford a 9.9% increase who else gets to increase there costs by this amount. I am on a fixed income	
Elizabeth Bell	The rate rises are ridiculous.	
Nigel Farrelly	Focus on what benefits as many as possible eg. reduce rates.	
Rachel Thomas / David Acland (Mid Canterbury Federated Farmers)	MCFF recommends that the Council: a. consider all proposed projects in the LTP and prioritise only those that are essential, to reduce the overall rate increase; b. maintain the UAGC as proposed in the LTP to ensure that the cost of paying for activities/services with a public good nature is fairly split; c. lobby central government to have the 30% cap on total rates revenue removed; and d. actively promote the rates rebates scheme and actively encourages ratepayers to apply. See full submission for more details.	Council will continue to lobby for an increase to the 30% cap and has made numerous submissions to government on this. Our council team actively promote the rates rebate scheme.
John Bruce	Please try and keep rates down. They are tough enough now to try and pay.	
Merine Dumte	We need to incentivise people to change their habits. Rates are a huge part of a weekly family budget that needs to be put aside so we can pay our rates every quarter. We need to look at	Once the Green and Food Waste

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
	ways that ratepayers can be rewarded for not using some council services eg. families that use cloth nappies should get a rates rebate because of the waste that is not created from single-use nappies (8,000 nappies per child). Similar for people who compost and do not have any organic or green waste in their rubbish or that do not put their bins out every week. Less rubbish means council pays less to dispose so reward the ratepayers.	Collection services is operational, we can look into more specific and unique needs of residents.
Lynette Bridge	Hearing note: Requests details of where development contributions have been spent. Suggests Council pays lip service to the community, such as TWW and that ratepayers are forced to pay for things without being able to have their say.	

6. FEES & CHARGES

6.1 General

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Casey Rose	I think that when you come out to do things like check pools we as rate payers should be told there is a cost not just get a surprise bill in the mail	These charges are a part of Council Fees & Charges schedule.

6.2 Ashburton Airport

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Neville Bailey	Ashburton Airfield Hangar Land Rental: Opposes the approach taken by Council to set land rental.	Rent reviews are not part of the long-term planning process. The current rent review process at the airport has not yet concluded.
Leslie Vincent (Ashburton Aviation Pioneers)		Individual leases are confidential between the two parties and key terms are agreed at the start. In general terms, the lease document sets out key terms such as the rent, the outgoings (including who pays rates), the rent review methodology (current market rent assessed by a registered valuer), the frequency for each rent review and the dispute resolution process. Valuations are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the International Valuation Standards. All valuers must also comply with the Valuation Code of Ethics. Noting that if there is a significant increase between what lessees are currently paying and the new rental, officers can take this to Airport Sub-Committee for further consideration.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Andrew Vincent	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges instead supports the Proposal submitted by The Ashburton Airfield Users.	Refer to comment - AOPA
Catherine Kilgour	I disagree that the airfield should be 100% self funding. It is a community asset and I find it hard to understand how the council justifies how much they claim it costs them to manage it.	The Revenue and Financing Policy is proposing that the Ashburton Airport is funded 50-60% General Rate 40-50% Fees & Charges.
Owen Moore	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges instead supports the Proposal submitted by The Ashburton Airfield Users. I asked CAA for a ruling on that and they informed me it would be fraught with legal challenges. apparently if the wheels don't touch the ground you can't charge. Hearing note: Requests that Council absorbs the museums land rental and rates (or at least some of the costs).	Fees are set by the Airport Operator. There is no mandate for CAA to be involved in setting, enforcing or determining methodology for landing fees.
Carol Stronach	Landing fees should remain as a bulk yearly	Refer to comment - AOPA
Steven John Stronach	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges. Bulk fee should remain for locals and all pilots. Why should some organizations get cheaper fees.	
Alec Forsyth	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges. A helicopter with a MAUW of 760kg will pay \$13.00 per landing. A fixed wing at the same weight would pay \$10.00 with the additional privilege of 20 minutes of touch and go landings. Requests that Helicopters have a lower charge than fixed wing.	
Claire Rushton	Ashburton Airport - Proposed Changes to Fees and Charges: I support the proposed changes to fees and charges for the Ashburton Airport. The proposed charges are in line with similar sized grassed runway airports around NZ. Users need to contribute to the costs as most wear and tear on a grassed runway are at the high speed impact and take off times so that our airport is able to be maintained to a good standard. All individuals should contribute fairly to their choice of recreation.	
Stu MacPherson	Following our recent landings at the Ashburton aerodrome we were unsuccessful in our attempt to pay the landing fees. This was due to the whole process being relegated to a digital format.	An honesty box at the airport would cost more to administer, to reduce administrative cost, any unpaid landing fees are invoiced each month.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
	Our many attempts to access the website or communicate via email to an agency were futile, and frustrating. My advice would be, as in the past, to also provide a physical lock box and envelopes, whereby persons who are digitally challenged can render payment with currency on site.	Users can also pay at the Customer Service desk at Te Whare Whakatere.
Grant Coldicott	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges. Believes the proposed fees place an unfairly high burden on recreational airfield users, will act as a disincentive for pilots. Suggests a 'one-off' annual payment saves time and administration costs for Council.	Refer to comment – AOPA.
Steve Bain	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges, suggests a landing fee would be better.	
Graeme Marshall	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges, suggests a system that allows for multiple landings in a day (5?) including touch and goes would seem appropriate. Putting a time limit on a landing slot encourages pilots to rush and this is unsafe.	Multiple landings for a circuit was considered however Australian airport managers reported more disputes relating to per movement in a circuit charges versus a time period.
Ross Sparks	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges due to safety concerns.	Refer to comment – AOPA.
Shane Glassey	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges. Suggests that bulk landing fees for locals and day landing fees to attract people is only option that works.	Refer to comment – AOPA.
Nick Warren (South Canterbury Aero Club)	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges, suggests 1 landing fee only!	Refer to comment – AOPA.
R P Yates	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges and expresses concern with rental review.	Refer to comment – Neville Bailey.
Graham Bethell	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges.	Refer to comment – AOPA.
Denise Wallens	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges, suggests 1 landing fee only!	
Peter Chadwick	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges, due to affordability concerns..	
Tom Webster	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges, due to complexity and affordability concerns.	The feedback from users was that they wanted to keep current by having a cost effective way to practice take off, touch and go's and landings. This approach enabled a

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
		number of movements within a time period. It is a common methodology in Australia but not yet in NZ. Refer to comment re: Graham Marshall
Allan Bowman	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges, due to affordability concerns and for being out of alignment with other similar airports.	Refer to comment - AOPA
Michael Oakley	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges, due to concerns with being too expensive and driving people away.	The majority of the bulk landing fee users are local to Ashburton/have hangars at the airport.
Helen Watson	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges, due to concerns with loss of safety with bulk charging, being too expensive and driving people away. Questions if Council is aware of a pilots requirements to maintain competence for everyone's benefit.	An Ashburton Airport Safety Group has been established to provide a forum to discuss and address safety concerns. Refer to comment – AOPA
Andrew Lobb	Questions Council's strategic vision into prosperity for the region and looking at ways to grow the fortune of the area. The council treatment of the Ashburton airport users displays this, with the opportunity to create a sophisticated commercial hub driving more diversity into regional economic development.	
Ian Begbie	Landing Fees should be exempt for all Hangar Owners. In my case I am a local ratepayer, plus paying rates of around \$1300.00 a year at the airfield as well, I also am now paying an annual fee of over \$8000.00 for the lease of the land.	
MID CANTERBURY AERO CLUB SUBMISSION & SUPPORT		
Graham Closey (Mid Canterbury Aero Club)	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges, due to concerns with safety, being too expensive and driving people away. Suggests that the airport should operate with a significant rates contribution to keep charges low. Urges Council to reconsider hangar homes. Hearing note: Proposes \$200 p.a.per aircraft for bulk landing fee, and \$12/landing for individuals	Hangar homes are identified in the Ashburton Airport Development Plan. This development plan is intended to be actioned across 30 years. Further development work such as changes to the District Plan would be required to enable residential hangar homes at the airport. Also, refer to comment – AOPA

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Peter King (Flying New Zealand)	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges, in support of MC Aero Club submission.	
Annie Jacobs		
Deanna Walsh		
AOPA (NZ) SUBMISSION & SUPPORT		
Neville Bailey (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association)	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges. Believes that other airports are more affordable. Suggests that the increased landing fees has reduced use at the airport. Suggests the following alternative: - Bulk Annual Landing Fee - \$200 per annum per aircraft, paid in advance. Applicable to recreational aircraft owners anywhere in NZ. - Individual Landing Fee - \$12 per landing (to include all landings for up to one hour). Applicable to anyone who doesn’t sign up for the above Bulk Annual Landing Fee.	User charges are outlined in Councils Fees and Charges. The proposal of \$200 for a bulk annual landing fee would mean that these users would pay \$3.84 per week for unlimited movements. This is significantly less than what a casual user would pay. Many of the airfields listed in the submission that charge less than \$10 per landing are private airfields or small airports run by the local Aero Club. Most airports charge a per landing charge as opposed to a daily rate. Some of these airports are also proposing changes to their landing fees for the 2024/25 year.
David Sale (AOPA)	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges. Supports the AOPA submission	For aircraft up to 1500kg:
Andrew Hanrahan		Oamaru - \$12
Andrew Lobb		Timaru - \$12
C Roberts		Wanaka - \$13
Gerald Innes		Grey - \$15
Jack Palmer		Motueka - \$20 (bond) or \$30 (no bond)
John Watherston		
Simon Chapman		
Sus Palmer		
Dr Johan Vlok, Darfield		Councils have different levels of appetite or ability to subsidise the airport activity. There are also varying airport offerings – some have many runways, some have one. This contributes to how much it costs to run an airport. It may help to explain the differing fee structures at airports across the country.
Paul Finch		
Craig Clapham		
Jason Wakelin		
Leslie Vincent (Ashburton Aviation		Since the new fees were implemented on 1 July 2023 through to February 2024, our records show there was a

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Pioneers and NZAS Airfield User Group)		total of 763 less movements, compared to the same period last year. Officers are not sure how the number of 1700 has been calculated. The Ashburton Airport Development Plan is a 30-year plan and will continue to be implemented over this time period. There are goals identified in the plan that Council is currently working towards. Infrastructure at the airport (water, power etc) is paid for by the hangar owner. The ground lease rental reflects that it is ground only and not a serviced site which means a lower market rental is applied. Clarity can be provided on the fees and charges website for the type of movement eg. Below 500ft to cover touch and go's, go arounds, missed approaches and landings.
Kevin Langford		
Leslie Vincent (Ashburton Aviation Pioneers)		
Arthur Ruddenklau		
Greg Mouat	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges. Supports the AOPA submission Queries definition of commercial operators, feels the proposed fees are not transparent for commercial.	Commercial operators have an individual agreement with Council. This is a confidential commercial arrangement. It will vary from business to business depending on the usage of the airport.
Pete Armstrong	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges. Supports the AOPA submission	Refer AOPA response
Charlie Draper		
Rosa Armstrong	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges. Supports the AOPA submission Queries rental review approach	Refer comment – Neville Bailey and AOPA
Mike Thomas	Opposes the proposed Ashburton Airport user charges. Supports the AOPA submission Believe that safety should be considered at a higher priority than the economics that the council is currently focusing on. Suggests that Council has forgotten the history of the airfield. Concerned with approach to rental review	Most airports have a similar history, however, the history has no impact on the valuation. A valuation is a professional assessment of the market value of a property carried out by a qualified and licenced valuer. They need to comply with Valuation Standards and comply with the Code of Ethics.

6.3 EA Networks

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Liz Depree	I have been attending the 12.15 aqua fit class for the past 4 - 5 years. The cost per class is the same for the 10 am one which lasts for 3/4 hours as it is for the 12.15 one which lasts 30 minutes. This is extremely inequitable in relation to value for \$ spent. I have raised this issue twice through the suggestion box - the first time it was ignored, the second time I received an email thanking me for my complaint and it would be considered. this was about 6 months ago. Numbers for the 12.15 have dwindled significantly, partly due to a change in who was taking it, but also there is no warm up or cool down time. I also suspect people don't feel they are getting value for \$.	All classes on the timetable are the same cost irrelevant of time length due to the inclusion within membership. It would be extremely administration intensive to have alternative pricing scale based on length of classes.
Bridget McConnochie	I think the new membership proposal for EA networks is fantastic!	
GW Russell	The EA Centre needs better access - maybe traffic in one way & out another.	LTP has provision for a road entrance widening project
Dan Mihailescu	EA Networks Centre no alternative exit for vehicles. How that project got compliance like that? It's just common sense, too many vehicles in a huge carpark, need second exit, wake up people!	LTP has provision for a road entrance widening project EANC Masterplan identifies an alternative exit option

7. DISTRICT TOWNS

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

7.1 Methven

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Juliette Smyth	Develop Methven for the future, please. We are thriving but it's embarrassing that we have nothing for tourists and locals. Spend our rates locally, not in Ashburton. We are sick of seeing all the money being spent in Ashburton.	
Chris doig	Would like to see Methven get more	
Jeanette McLennan	Ashburton District has a number of natural attractions : Mt Hutt skifield and bike park; various lakes and hiking trails. Most are located in the foothills, so it is essential that the main tourist town, Methven, is able to continue to supply information to visitors via an i-site or i-hub. Closure of the current site would also decrease some community encounters and jeopardise Mt Hutt Memorial Hall activities. Ashburton already has the district's main museum, art gallery, library and performing arts theatre - Methven is the logical tourist satellite.	

7.2 Rakaia

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Neil Pluck (Rakaia Community Association)	The Rakaia community association has enjoyed many years of being able to access the special Rakaia only rate that contributes to the annual \$10k beautification fund to use towards improving our community and we would like to ensure that this fund continues. The Rakaia community acknowledges and appreciates the good work of previous and current council with regards to our infrastructure and future infrastructure whilst still maintaining a prudent level of debt and spending.	

8. LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

8.1 Three Waters

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Karen Pollard	Would really like our rivers and drinking water quality restored, if people could swim in the river we wouldn't need anymore pools	
Sandra Black	Leave the water natural, keep all chemicals out of our pure mountain water at the treatment plant, stop poisoning our beautiful natural resource! Yes please to tidying up the roads. Ashburton township council gardens need regular weeding, sad seeing these full of weeds, looks like no pride in the town when weeds higher than plantings.	
Verissa Marilla	Investing in our Roding Network and the 3 Waters should always be on top of the priorities. We should be able to safely drive to all parts of the district. Residents should always have access to safe and clean drinking water. Council should ensure that our wastewater are treated before it is disposed to land and waterways.	
Brent and Cushla Murdoch	Upgrading of water services is important to maintain and continue with this project. We do not want to be like Wellington.	
David and Claire Stevens	All other council owned infrastructure needs to be continually maintained to a good standard or the Council risks having to rebuild crumbling infrastructure which adds more costs.	
Lal Mulligan	Requests NE Ashburton is connected to the Ashburton Drinking Water Supply	Council has committed to preparing design of water pipeline extensions for the NE Ashburton area. This is to ensure Council is able to respond more quickly to requests for extension from group of residents from a given road section. The current approach used by Council is that the cost of any extension has to be met by the

		benefiting landowners. AG
Bridget Prendergast	Main priority is getting nitrates out of our water.	
Pete Donald (Aquifer Locations Ltd.)	Comments on water quality	
Sue McPhee	Safe Drinking water please! Greenpeace are campaigning to raise awareness and currently offering free water sample testing! Do something please; as I have no way of knowing if the water from the taps in Ashburton township is any safer to drink than the water from my taps in Fairton??!!	Council supplies are regularly tested to ensure the safety of the water for consumption. The Fairton water is currently supplied from a bore that has elevated nitrate levels. These remain below the DWSNZ maximum allowable value of 11.3 mg/L Nitrate-N. The elevated nitrate levels contributed to the decision to connect the Fairton Township to the Ashburton water supply. This pipeline connection work is currently underway. The Ashburton scheme has Nitrate-N levels around 2-3 mg/L. AG
Nick Daniels (Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation Ltd)	BCI is supportive of the on-going efforts of HHWET. Further, BCI also notes that the activities currently conducted in the Hekeao Hinds may also provide value in the northern half of the district. ADC should consider the potential for HHWET's activities across the whole district for future infrastructure decisions.	
Steve McGrath	I'd like the Council to extend Town Water Supply to those areas around the town which have contaminated water from Meat Works on Bridge Street. Also I feel that the works should be contributing to the cost of supplying the potable water.	Council has committed to preparing design of water pipeline extensions

Jamie Grant & Oliver McKain	Bring town water to North East Ashburton	for the NE Ashburton area. This is to ensure Council is able to respond more quickly to requests for extension from group of residents from a given road section. The current approach used by Council is that the cost of any extension has to be met by the benefiting landowners. AG
G & H Sullivan	Providing/ensuring water quality of a potable standard to the community including rural towns and north side of Ashburton Seafield/Smithfield Rd. Likewise sewer connections. Providing better communications re complaints. e.g. our boundary neighbour has filled in and built up on their land causing flooding. No follow up!	
SA Williams-Freeman	Maintaining the health of our drinking water is vital - nitrogen levels must be reduced within the community to prevent contamination.	
Lal Mulligan	Please refer to my full submission of portable water to N. E Ashburton. Also, if you have a consultation planned it would be good to not have those key staff away when it is on. Can't talk to people about particular topics if away.	
Brian Woods	Supply town sewers to areas using septic tanks rather than contaminating the water table and ground. Hearing note: Residents of Buckley's Terrace are currently serviced by septic tanks and want to connect to mains sewer. Requests Council to include into LTP.	
Jess Cunliffe	Development of essential infrastructure	
Timothy Davison	The Primary focus for the Ashburton Council over at least the next 2 years should be souly prioritized around the rebuilding of existing infrastructure, roading and the construction of a new Bridge and ring road bypass for Ashburton, The idea of the State Highway running derictly through Ashburton Central is old fashioned and antiquated and the idea that putting a complete bypass in will reduce Commercial Revenue within Ashburton is equally as ridiculous and antiquated we are and have always been an Agricultural town in an Agricultural District the majority of Ashburtons Revenue comes from Farmers, Engineers, Mechanics and the services they need provided to them, Yes there may be a momentary decline in Revenue but it will not take our Community long to bounce back as we are not reliant on Tourism to support said Community	
Lenny dolbey	Keep your focus on needed infrastructure only next 3 years	

Janine Holland	Do we have enough budgeted for Three Waters improvements? With uncertainty over future arrangements, is council confident that we know enough about our needs in next ten years and beyond? Climate resilience is barely mentioned in LTP. Are we comfortable sufficient headroom exists in the budget for more frequent weather events causing failure of roading and other key infrastructure assets?	Council 3 Waters budgets have been developed based on meeting currently legislative requirements and existing service delivery arrangements. Council is also a member of the Local Authority Protection Plan (LAPP) which provide cover for damages to 3Ws assets arising from significant events.
Barry Ayers	Maintaining good waste-management, water supplies and water quality, along with good roading are priorities.	
john martin	more work on roading and flood water would be great	
Mike Prince	Of course the three waters and roading are key priorities as is waste.	
Brian Walters	Roading and maintaining exist infrastructure is important.	
S Scott	Water quality and infrastructure is a priority.	
Rachel Thomas / David Acland (Mid Canterbury Federated Farmers)	MCFF recommends with regards to the Ashburton Zone Committee that the Council ensure it is meeting its obligations under the ADC Surface Water Strategy 2018-28.	
Lynette George	Infrastructure improvements & maintenance is a no brainer. It actually trumps the wishlist of decisions 1 - 5.	
Peter Scott (ECAN)	We support your council's continued investment in infrastructure for providing drinking water, managing wastewater and handling stormwater and your strategic planning to meet future demands and stricter standards. Investment is needed in new infrastructure and the maintenance and upgrading of existing drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure to ensure compliance with national standards and resource consents, reduce the environmental impacts and respond to the impacts of climate events.	
John Bruce	I feel Council needs to concentrate on improving our infrastructure now. Roads, footpaths, water and wastewater systems, parking and parks and reserve	

Selwyn Price	I hope the lesson has been learned over ADC's opposition (and the cost involved in opposing it) to the Three Waters Reforms - we are now left with looking after our own infrastructure. Once again, it will never be cheaper to do than it is now.	
Val Clemens	Water Services improvements: I support the continuation of the upgrade to water reticulation, waste water disposal and treatment. These are critical to the well-being of us all and must be completed and maintained to a high standard.	
Rob Clarke	Methven water system is weak and needs strengthening	The Methven water supply has been the subject of significant upgrading over the last few years. This has culminated in the commissioning of new IL4 reservoirs, and a \$10M membrane treatment plant upgrade. Together with this recent investment we have plans for an additional reservoir within the ten year period of the LTP as a continuing active pipeline renewal programme.
Andrew Annand	It would have been good to have had a meeting in Mt Somers to explain what was happening to the water supply before work started. Spare a thought for those on fixed incomes	

8.2 Waste & Recycling

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Wendy Thomas	Red bin is far to small for the standard family	Residents can acquire another 80-liter or a larger 240-liter red bin

		from the Council depending of their needs.
Shannon Johnson	Rural recycling and rubbish wheelie bins. (Westerfield area).	We will look into the cost of expanding the collection area to include Westerfield and make recommendations to Council.
Kaylene Donaldson	Large red-top bins should be introduced to all rural recycling depots.	We will investigate and make necessary changes whenever deemed practicable and financially viable.
W. Melchers	Recycling should be the same throughout the country.	Starting 1 February 2024, recycling is uniform nationwide.
Barry Ayers	Maintaining good waste-management, water supplies and water quality, along with good roading are priorities.	noted
Liz Depree	The new dump station at Rakaia is being well used and well placed - the addition of some sort of rubbish collection - a large skip that wouldn't need regular emptying - would significantly reduce the amount of litter currently being left. <i>See Playgrounds + Fees & Charges + Grants + Cycling for more details from submission</i>	
Methven Community Board (Kelvin Holmes)	Notes that the Methven transfer station appears to have been excluded from LTP. Requests this is reinstated	

9. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

9.1 General

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Lynnette Bridge	Create some form of income generator to assist in the infrastructure costs you want to invest in. This could be something that is used South Island wide like maybe our own composting service and recycling to create the plastic compound used for the production of plastic products. Paper recycling could be utilised with the composter maybe.	
Kate White	- I strongly DISAGREE with wasting \$50,000 on a business case for a learning hub in year 2. Please learn from past expenditures on business cases/ projects like this which then went nowhere. We have wonderful facilities already capable of delivering learning opportunities for apprentices, professionals etc. A more prudent approach would be to MEET WITH THOSE ALREADY working in the adult education sector in Mid Canterbury (Keep Learning Mid Canterbury, ARA, Ashburton Learning Centre, Literacy Aotearoa, those running sector specific training etc.) and those stakeholder who have indicated a need for learning opportunities. Work out what is needed and spend the money not on a business case but on running pilots that fill identified gaps - and use EXISTING buildings. Installing welcome to Ashburton signs are a great idea and I hope will be in Te Reo Māori as well as or instead of English. As these are usually on both sides of the road, one could perhaps be in English and one in te reo so the signs didn't have too many words? Or just in te reo!	Working group has been established with representatives with the groups identified in this submission.
Ben Shearer	I think there should be an Ashburton Inc offer in attracting new business to Mid Canterbury. Currently council show no leadership in this space	
Rachel Thomas / David Acland (Mid Canterbury Federated Farmers)	MCFF recommends that the Council: - undertake a full review and consult with the community on the feasibility of providing economic development and tourism, including options for ceasing to provide the activity, reducing the activity's level of service, and outsourcing; - reduce funding for economic development and tourism in this LTP by: - streamlining staffing/resourcing of this activity and using contractors or joint CCOs where possible, - removing the \$150,000 allocated for installing 'Welcome to Ashburton' signage, - reducing the \$20,800 allocated for community events in 2024/25 - reducing the \$50,000 increase for district promotion from Year 1 onwards; and	A Section 17A review of the Economic Development function was completed in 2023.

	- review the funding for this activity and implement both a UAGC component and a targeted rate for urban businesses.	
Vanetia Bingham	I would like to see the district promotion budget return to its pre-COVID level of \$400,000 per year. This increase would allow us to better showcase our district's unique charm and encourage more visitors to explore what we have to offer. With more visitors, local businesses can thrive, and our community can benefit from increased economic activity. Without this extra support our current ADC team cannot achieve what desperately needs to be done to rejuvenate our tourism sector in our area	
Nikki Rogers (Hospitality NZ)	Nighttime Economy 20. As 24-hour economies gain traction around the world, Hospitality New Zealand believes there's an opportunity for Aotearoa to follow suit. Following the infamous Sydney lockouts, New South Wales Government has developed a 24-hour Economy Strategy aimed at building a vibrant and strong 24-hour economy where the principal activity is not about the consumption of alcohol. The strategy covers things like integrated planning to encourage collaboration, diversification of night-time activities, enhancing mobility and connectivity around the clock, and changing the narrative around being open at night. The long-term 24- Hour Economy Strategy also envisages "playbooks" and support services to help businesses navigate grants and licences, more affordable spaces for the arts sector, simpler liquor licencing and a review of live music and noise regulations. 21. Hospitality NZ believes this type of strategy holds some opportunities for New Zealand communities, and would welcome the opportunity to work with your council to explore how this could look in your area. 22. Whilst the Ashburton area may not look towards a 24-hour economy, a late night time strategy holds opportunity for growth	
Sarah Stanaway	I am submitting about Mt Somers Village township and Hakatere Reserve Foothills areas to continued to be assessed for Dark Sky project areas.	
<i>Methven Lighting project</i>		
Adam Preston	Methven town lights needs to be put into the long term plan It's the tourism spot of the Ashburton district and currently at the moment needs some life and love put into it , if we are to make a first impression with all these new visitors coming to the areas.	
Claire Mawle	I support Methven Lighting Plan. This needs to be implemented asap. Methven is crucial for tourist to the area. Town need to look good at night for restaurants.	
Rachel Stratton	Need to support the outlying areas. I support town lighting in Methven to promote local economic growth and beautification.	

Annie Jacobs	I would also love to see funding available for the Light Up Methven initiative which would create a wonderful atmosphere in the town in winter.	
Gillian Heald (Light up Methven working group)	Methven Lighting project - the town centre is drab and dull and in places unsightly and unsafe. There is an opportunity to do something significant of long term benefit. Requests budget of \$143,500 over ten years Hearing Note: 2029 will be 150 years of Methven. Requests that the project is staged over the next few years to meet this celebration.	
Methven Community Board (Kelvin Holmes)	Supports the Methven Lighting Project.	

9.2 Tourism

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
James Urquhart Matt Turner (Opuke Thermal Pools and Spa) Michelle Clyne (Bella Vista Ashburton) Methven Community Board (Kelvin Holmes)	We need to continue to invest in our Tourism in our region! \$200k is well below the industry/councils allocations in NZ.	
Craig Lambie (Taylors Motel)	Attracting visitors to our district benefits not only tourism-specific businesses but also a wide array of local enterprises, including restaurants, shops, and cultural attractions. By investing in district promotion, we can create a ripple effect of economic growth that extends throughout our community, supporting livelihoods and fostering a vibrant local economy	
Ash Foley	Enhancing the Mid Canterbury outdoor areas giving funding to upgrade huts and potentially invest in creating a new "Walking Track" to encourage people into Mid Canterbury. Similar to Hurunui council investing in the Island Hills Walking track, which has become a tourist attraction in North Canterbury.	

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Maeghan Harrington	We need to invest more in tourism to bring more money into Ashburton and build an awesome reputation for this town. It has so much potential to become a desirable place, it's time we invest in this space.	
Vanetia Bingham	Currently, our promotion budget of \$195,000 per year seems insufficient to effectively market our district's attractions and offerings.	
Reon & Tanya Hulme	We would like to see the budget for the district promotion return to it's pre-covid level of funding, an increase of \$50,000 is not enough. Attracting new visitors to our region creates an economic benefit to our community.	
Rachel Thomas / David Acland (Mid Canterbury Federated Farmers)	Opposes the \$50,000 increase for District Promotion from year 1 of the LTP	
Nikki Rogers (Hospitality NZ)	Tourism Infrastructure Funding 17. We recognise that tourism and hospitality use and benefit from a wide variety of mixed-use infrastructure. Despite some Government funding, tourism areas are still experiencing a large 3 funding shortfall, primarily for infrastructure heavily relied on by tourists in towns and regions with a small ratepayer base. This has led to councils considering rates rises or bed taxes to fund infrastructure and tourism promotion. 18. We do not support the current ad-hoc way some councils are looking to impose levies and rates (and taxes if they are allowed to). This can significantly increase the cost to visitors in some areas, shift pressures of visitor numbers and infrastructure to neighbouring councils, and carry an impact for particular businesses. 19. Instead, a national strategy for tourism value capture and distribution of those funds is needed, allowing a source of funding for local government to use on relevant infrastructure and tourism activities, and avoiding the piecemeal region by region approach. Along with a number of parties, we are working at a national level to address tourism funding – in the meantime we do not see a council-by-council approach as conducive to a national, equitable approach.	
Nikki Rogers (Hospitality NZ)	Short-term Rental Accommodation (STRA) 11. The STRA sector has grown rapidly and it is now a key part of the tourism industry in New Zealand. Rapid visitor growth and a lack of commercial accommodation development in many of the busiest tourist regions have also created increased demand for STRA. While competition in any sector is healthy, the unregulated nature of STRA presents an uneven playing field vis a vis traditional commercial accommodation	

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	providers. 12. Commercial accommodation operators are seeking a fairer playing field around rates and regulations, particularly targeted at STRA properties that are whole-of-house rentals operating more than 90 days a year. The STRA sector operates mainly in residential areas, only pays residential rates, operates with less regulation, and often escapes appropriate taxation. 13. In some parts of the country, the preference for rental property owners to convert to Airbnb or similar, is resulting in a lack of available long-term rental accommodation for workers and families, and impacting on the community feel of suburbs. 14. Some Councils such as Rotorua and Queenstown have made moves to define STRA accommodation in their District Plans, so these providers – when occupied above a certain number of visitor nights – are deemed to be commercial operators and would be subject to commercial rates and regulations. Nelson and Christchurch have made similar moves – however, enforcement remains the issue. 15. At a Central Government level, we are advocating for the creation of a national register of short-term rental accommodation properties, and ensuring appropriate health and safety and compliance requirements on peer-to-peer house letting is set at a national level, removing the need for local councils to come up with the rules and moving towards fair regulation of STRA operators. 16. Hospitality NZ will work with you to define commercial accommodation in your area in a way that captures whole-of-house STRA listings and ensure rates are appropriately collected from these businesses.	
Bev Skates	Hearing note: Concerned that the current information centre sign outside Te Whare Whakare is inadequate and that the current provision isn't good enough. Suggests the Art Gallery and Museum could be an ideal location.	Council does provide tourists with town information at the AAGM, but we do not have the footprint to have a permanent information centre/kiosk in the facility. Council is currently investigating options to promote the visitor information area in Te

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		Whare Whakaterere, including more prominent signage, outdoor flags and / or signage. The interactive screens in the current area will be developed and added to as time and budget permits and will include interactive maps of the district and a calendar of local events. The provision of the area is however, constrained by its size
Methven Community Board (Kelvin Holmes)	MCB is concerned with the proposed \$30,000 reduction in funding for the MHMH from year 2 and requests Council continues the funding throughout the LTP.	

9.3 Community Events

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Philip Quaid	Continue appropriate funding for community events, support for the migration community etc.	
Phil Swan	I do find your staff to be rude as well and there is a real lack of diversity and I say that as a pakeha, I have lived in Ashburton for 6 years, I own 3 properties here, have children at school here and work here but have no desire to remain in Ashburton there is a real lack of community here and lack of community events.	
Kay Rotch	We have a huge grass area at the domain. Why not host something like hanmer banquet or brews in the bay....or any music concert!!!! Let's liven up Ashburton and bring paying people to the town.	
Kate White	As to your increase of \$50.000 in year one for district promotion, how will this be spent? I thought the initiative to grant funding to those willing to run events that would attract people from outside the district was a great idea and I hope that will continue.	The increased \$50,000 for District Promotion is not covering events costs.

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		The fund (Regional Event Fund) to attract people from outside the region was enabled by Central Government for a period of four years from 2020-24 and expires in June 2024. The increased \$50,000 will be used in a number of ways. Development of new content (images and video) and expanding the market reach of campaigns will be the primary use of additional funds.
Annette Sargisson	I think we need a town events coordinator. Someone who would organise fun family days in our district to bring people together.	Council employs an Events Advisor who helps the community deliver events, delivers Council events for the community (Glow, Xmas Lights etc) and aims to attract new events to Ashburton.
Jane Schuster	To have more community events that attract people to Ashburton. Farmers market can do with a boost and while there maybe tidy up around that car park and put in more lights on certain parts of the town.	
Nikki Rogers (Hospitality NZ)	- We also actively encourage the ongoing development of events programmes in the region. Events promoting the area and encouraging visitation contribute significantly to the local economy and encourage spend in our hospitality venues and accommodation providers. - The proposal of the three-court extension in the EA Network centre would provide	

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	business growth opportunities in our Hospitality and Accommodation sectors, delivering significant economic benefits to business, that we are supportive of.	

10. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

10.1 General

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Rebecca Taylor	Love the idea of continuing to invest in our district parks and memorial halls, they are such great assets for our smaller communities and help make the district an attractive place to live but they do require investment to maintain and a lot currently relies on volunteers in those smaller districts.	
Andy Bryant	The town needs an information centre!	
Brent and Cushla Murdoch	District recreational facilities - maintain to current standards. No rash 'think big' projects.	
Alesha Jemmett	Prioritise maintenance and repair of existing facilities rather than building or introducing anything new in this current economic climate. Local homeowners cannot afford large rate increases for things that are luxuries or nice to have.	
Mary O'Brien (CCS Disability Action)	Upgrading our district's recreational facilities - It is important that the Council ensures that all improvements improve accessibility and inclusion by consulting with disabled people and seeking expert access advice. See full submission	

10.2 Elderly

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Bernadette Facer	Social investment in elderly where are the things for them? Mini bus.. day trips they built the town you should give back and show appreciation.	
Salome Bester	Having a task force for youth employment is great. What about also promoting the over 55's trying to find employment.	

10.3 Teenagers / kids entertainment

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Lydia Gundry	We should have something other entertainment ideas built into the facilities and staffing of EA for example clipn climb like in Invercargill	
Ken Aguila (Ashburton Warriors Club)	Build something for the kids- like chipmunks or timezone	
Kay Rotch	We need to invest in more for our teenagers. Bowling alley, escape rooms something for them to do and something you can do as a family.	
Caryn Shearer	Water slide	
Jimmy Twedde	Overall there not much to do in Ashburton for kids and teenagers and that needs to be addressed,	
David Evans	Council need to look at ways to keep young people in the area. I have heard people saying there is not enough to do, eg: mini golf, rock climbing. These are things the council should not fund, but assist people to invest in.	
Tracy James	Need more for older kids.. you need to keep people in town not send them to chch for activities...	
Lauren Petersen	Ashburton needs more indoor options for activities for school aged children that don't cost or are more affordable for bigger families	
Ellen Robinson	An indoor child activity area would be a fantastic opportunity for the area. Some type of activity for children, up to the age of 8? With a separate area for children below 5. It could include a sensory play area for younger babies. Along with change facility areas and breastfeeding areas. Something like the mall bathrooms in Riccarton and Northlands mall in Christchurch.	
Jenny Rae (Base Youth Centre)	Investing in Young people and valuing their importance as the Districts Future. Propose: ADC fund a Youth Worker at BASE Youth Centre, establishing a full time role, enabling an attractive position for a youth worker or social a worker seeking a career supporting youth. This could also be a Youth Development opportunity, for a younger worker to be supported by an experienced team. External to the council to ensure the position is community lead, connected and managed by youth specialists.	Comment needed

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
	Youth Council - Youth Advisory Group Propose: A Youth Advisory Group sitting externally to the council and supported by youth specialists. Ideally with one elected council member on board. Current allocated funding for Youth council could transfer enabling BASE to employ a youth advisory group coordinator, aged under 25yrs. Oversight would be with BASE Manager and Board of Trustees ensuring group has good governance, strong democracy, the trustees application process is followed, strong youth development strategies and youth voices valued and heard. Continuing a strong link with council and providing youth voice to community agencies. Plan/assist with youth events and youth awareness campaigns. Consider separate Youth Committee/ Action Group who have an interest in helping with events and planning. Showing and growing the amazing young people who live in Whakatere, giving them governance and mentoring opportunities. Potentially linking with the Whakatere young professionals group for additional mentoring.	
Paula Ward	There is not enough for young children and teens to do here in Ashburton. With many new housing developments on the go, surely this is a priority to keep families here.	
Andrew	You need do something for kids there nothing for them to do in Ashburton	
Nina Strijland	Invest in more for our youth of Ashburton	
Joshua Coyle	more thing for young children to do	
Sonia Thom	Not very productive - there a definitely other areas within the Ashburton district that need to be seen to instead of throwing money at things that don't need it. For example, better facilities within the community that are catering to our youth that doesn't cost the earth as there is roughly 12-14 weeks of school holidays not to mention public holidays and teacher only days - with Ashburton been so under resourced in this area. No wonder why our youth crime rate is significantly high.	
Toresa Hooper	Have more bigger better play areas for kids.	

10.4 Housing

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Eliza Waszczak	More Council housing for our elderly	

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Phil Swan	I personally think there needs to be council housing for single elderly people, KO and MSD should not be the only agencies who are socially responsible, I would like my rates to go towards helping those in need	Council currently owns 102 units. Council is in the process of replacing 16 units, and these units will predominantly be for single people.
Laura Banks	Social housing	
Mrs Diane Milne	Appreciate the Councils support for our local Mayfield Domain & Hall.	

10.5 Community facilities

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Andrew Judd	Build a building or help find a building for dynamic gymnastic sports so they can run classes for all children and adults of Ashburton. They have outgrown the building they are in and the athletes are hitting the roof while on trampoline, these athletes are representatives of Canterbury at nationals and hopefully in Aussie next year, but are unable to train to their full potential because of this.	
Jeanette Currie	Yes. Isn't it about time you had a disabled changing room in town. The current toilets DO NOT cater for those in our community or visitors that require more than a toilet with a handrail. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have the first disabled toilet in the South Island that actually works for people with All disabilities. Please check out "Changing Spaces". They are a group that work with councils to make this happen. Imagine going to an event with a person in a wheelchair. This person has no ability to hold themselves on a toilet, and the only place to change their incontinence products is on the floor. There is never enough space for a wheelchair and two people. And it's always disgusting on the floor. Please consider this.	Comments Noted. While there are accessible facilities provided in accordance with the Building Act, there is no requirement for an accessible change facility. The East Street Facility is scheduled for a \$900,000 refurbishment in year 6.
Hay	I'm really disappointed in the way our Youth council was disbanded and incredibly backward step for local democracy....	
Benjamin Winstanley	The police station is old but fit for purpose. The staff there are sick of relying on christchurch or timaru for simple tasks and the council should offer/partner with police to provide a better community asset.	

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Amanda Watson	Please keep maintaining our current assets so we don't have old assets our future generations have to fix	
Richard Tucker	Stop selling off our assets	
Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga	• The ongoing maintenance of heritage buildings is key to their longevity and much more financially efficient than having to carry out large overdue repairs. We note Council's pledge to establish regular maintenance schedules for the community and memorial halls within the district, as well as prioritising upgrades and projects. • NZPT acknowledges that Ashburton district has lost a significant number of heritage buildings since the Canterbury earthquakes, which makes it even more imperative to protect those remaining. We commend the ingenuitive approach of incorporating Pioneer Hall into the new Civic Building which has resulted in an interesting space that tells a clear story of the past. • Many of the district's heritage buildings are privately owned yet still contribute to the community sense of belonging and way of life. Financing the maintenance, repairs, strengthening and upgrade of these structures can often be financially challenging for owners. HNZPT supports the Council's ongoing assistance to heritage. • There are a range of other incentives Council could utilise to promote the protection and conservation of historic heritage. HNZPT supports incentivising mechanisms such as the remission of rates for landowners of historic heritage, free or subsidised processing of applications, and the provision of free specialist advice to heritage building owners. HNZPT requests consideration of the following methods to protect and enhance Ashburton's historic heritage: • Council recognises the adverse effects of climate change on historic heritage and implements measures to prevent further degradation wherever possible. • Council continues grant funding for repairs and maintenance and seismic strengthening for private owners of heritage properties. • Council considers further heritage incentives to facilitate the retention and seismic strengthening of heritage buildings such as free or subsidised processing of applications, remission of rates and free advice to owners of heritage properties. Please see full submission for more details	Council currently has a remission policy for Community Facilities. This can be found on Councils website https://www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/4821/Rates-Remission-Policy-2021-adopted-by-Council.pdf - To qualify for the remission of rates the

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		property must be owned by one of the following: • Ashburton District Council • A registered charitable trust or incorporated society.

10.6 Education

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Wendy Thomas	sort out the college! Where are we meant to send our children that they can safely learn! Great school in every aspect- other than the terrible children that rule it-ask ANY family that attends there	

11. DEMOCRACY & POLICIES

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

11.1 Governance

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Peter Scott (ECAN)	We really appreciate your contribution and commitment to working alongside Mayoral Forum colleagues for the benefit of Canterbury and its communities. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum, and the regional forums and working groups that support it, provide valuable mechanisms for local government in Canterbury and are a key means of demonstrating a strong and unified voice on the priority issues for our region. The value of this strong and unified voice cannot be underestimated. We look forward to continuing to work with your Council as we implement the Canterbury Regional Forums' work programmes, particularly the Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury, over the remainder of this local government term. In particular, we acknowledge your Chief Executive Hamish Riach's role as Chair of Canterbury Chief Executives' Forum.	
Louisa McAslan	Hearing note: Requests Council considers developing an Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy.	
Methven Community Board	Supports the inclusion of Methven strategic plan funding in the LTP, but requests that this funded via the general rate, not the Methven Community Board targeted rate.	The strategic plan is included in the Methven Community Board budget, which is funded through the Methven Community Targeted rate.
Martin Nordqvist	Opposes the proposed funding increase for the Methven Community Board, suggests that this is retained at current funding levels.	

11.2 Policies - Climate Change

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Kate White	Great to see money being put into Climate Change but what is envisaged we do with \$50,000? I suggest not much could be achieved. Do we have climate change officers (as	Council has resource within the Strategy and

	they do in Timaru District Council)? If not, we should! I would propose the budget needs to be increased to include at least 1 full time Climate Change officer role. They would have an education role and be required to input into all facets of council decision making, so climate change isn't an after thought but a carefully considered issue when discussing anything!	Policy unit to work on climate change issues. It is also working regionally with other Councils on a Climate Change Partnership Plan. Funding will be used on projects supporting this work and progressing Council's climate change work programme.
Kaylene Donaldson	Erosion - along coastal communities	The coastal cliffs in the Ashburton District shoreline (between the Rangitata and Rakaia Rivers) are eroding on average approximately - 0.4 metres per year due to coastal storm waves attacking the cliff base causing the cliffs to collapse. This process is further complicated at the Ashburton River Mouth with the river flow undermining adjacent cliffs to the lagoon formed along the coastline. As mentioned in ECan's letter in 2017 (pages 52-55), "The erosion is completely natural, any erosion mitigation measures i.e. protection structures such as rock revetments

		are likely to be extremely expensive.”
Ian Watson	Reduce our carbon footprint. Global warming. The changing natural environment.	
Daniel Huisman	I'm glad to see \$50,000 set aside for tackling climate change, but there's little detail on how this would be spent in the draft documents. I'd like to see Council increase this amount and use it to establish a full-time role for a Climate Change / Sustainability Advisor. This role could provide advice to Council on the climate change impacts of various decisions (including assessment of the new criterion proposed for the Community Engagement Policy), lead efforts for reducing emissions and increasing sustainability within the organisation, and provide advisory/support/educational capacity to the wider community, similar to the existing Biodiversity Advisor role. Given the modest funding that Council has allocated to climate change, I believe this would have a much greater real world impact per dollar spent, than frittering budget away on small projects or contributing towards regional initiatives which, in my view, have been relatively ineffective to date.	See above
Chris Bell	Contributions to climate change seems like a waste of money to me. I have been told the council is going to improve our roads in the past but I don't think that has eventuated. I am concerned that this may continue even with increased expenditure. I doubt council debt will drop after 2031 because if finances were well managed we wouldn't be faced with the increases of rates over the next 4 years.	
Peter Scott (ECAN)	We would like to acknowledge the experience, expertise and time of your staff and elected members on the Canterbury Climate Change Working group and Councillor Reference Group under the Canterbury Mayoral Forum. We support your focus on key issues such as ‘adapting to climate change’. Your Council’s contribution in the coming years will be important as implementation of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan begins, and we look forward to working with you and your communities on building current and future community resilience to natural hazards.	
Anne Scott (Spokes Canterbury)	Transport makes up 17.5% of New Zealand’s gross emissions. The health effects and costs of fossil fuel vehicles should also be taken into account. It is not a coincidence that New Zealand has the highest rate of asthma and the highest car ownership and one of the highest asthma rates in the world. A recent study in Neurology has linked PM2.5 particulates from diesel exhausts and other traffic-related air pollutants to Alzheimer’s	Council is increasing its investment in biodiversity in the LTP budget and has recently adopted a biodiversity strategy that

	disease. Anything we can do to reduce single occupancy vehicle use and vehicle use for shorter journeys reduces the long-term costs to all New Zealanders. Ashburton/Tinwald and Methven have the potential to increase cycling trips with the right infrastructure which helps to reduce emissions. Spokes Canterbury would like to see an increased focus and expenditure spent on climate action. We should be investing in biodiversity; climate adaptation and mitigation as these are critical for a changing planet. New Zealand is already feeling the effects of climate change through sea level rise, increased flooding and fire risk. Events such as the May 2021 Ashburton District Flood with 540mm at Mount Somers and 185mm on the Hinds Plains, and regular scrub fires in the Ashburton District are wake-up calls for change. Although both adaptation and reduction will be needed, it is cheaper to reduce emissions than to adapt to climate change. Water management is in crisis, a particular concern in the district. High nitrate, E. coli and other pollution in the waterways impacts on people's health and wellbeing. Over-extraction of water is impacting on waterways, aquifers, wetlands and special areas of high and unique biodiversity such as the Hakatere/Ashburton River hāpua. High rain incidences are increasing the need for the rivers to be given more space to naturally flood, which also increases replenishment of the aquifers. We already have the tools to combat climate change, we just need the social and political will to implement those changes now when it will make the most difference and cost the least to achieve. If we want to sell our agricultural products (the financial backbone of the Ashburton area) overseas then we have to reduce emissions at least as fast as our international competitors, something we are currently failing to do. The good news is that if we get the right solutions in place there are multiple benefits for health, wellbeing, climate, biodiversity and business. Rewiring Aotearoa has found that New Zealand is one of the first countries to reach what's called the 'electrification tipping point', where households can save money and also significantly reduce their emissions by electrifying their appliances and vehicles. Agriculture and business are beginning to see the same benefits. The District Council should encourage and plan for this transformation by ensuring that everyone can reap the benefits, and no-one is left behind. While Spokes Canterbury focuses on cycling as our main point of submissions, climate change affects us all and cycling is an important action to reduce climate emissions.	includes actions for climate adaptation and mitigation.
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12. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

12.1 Ashburton Domain / Council gardens / Reserves

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Sandra Black	Ashburton township council gardens need regular weeding, sad seeing these full of weeds, looks like no pride in the town when weeds higher than plantings.	
J Moore	We need more in house gardening services in Ashburton as our weeds around the streets are out of control	
Mary Schmack	Grateful for the colour and upkeep of the Domain - and gardens around town. Always a pleasure to visit Cemeteries around the county- always maintained to a high standard. thanks	
Louise Spittal	Our dog parks are great but please could we have rubbish bins, dog poo bags and water at the company road one. It is starting to get very messy with poo as people don't want to take it home.	Water for Company Road Dog Park is currently under way. Council's approach is to encourage and educate people to take their rubbish with them as opposed to installing more rubbish bins.
Logan Smart	Would like to see the domain gardens upgrade some facilities or new facilities such as conservatory, start to keep up with surrounding gardens	Current Domain Development Plan did not specifically address horticultural displays.
Christine Mabon	Concerned about standard of garden maintenance. Is there more funding available for maintenance of street beautification?	
Anne robertson	Make our street roads more attractive	
Dianne Kimber	Please consider giving our riverside a wonderful tidy up, making it a safe enjoyable place to walk, picnic and play. I feel this would not need a lot of money to complete and perhaps it could progress over time. It could be quite simple and would definitely improved the 'welcome' seen by travellers on entering our otherwise very tidy town. I'm sure it would be	Riverside areas near the SH1 bridge have been tidied up. Not all riverside areas are Council owned

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	used heaps by walkers young and old and be a great place for a break for travellers through our town.	The Regional Council ECAN has jurisdiction over most of these areas.
Salome Bester	• Love the Ashburton domain. • When they go around town doing weed spraying consider using tinted spray like they do in some other countries. The colour fades with time. That way barefoot children and dog walkers will know to avoid the area until it is safe.	
Jaclyn Pow	I do not support the removal of the Walnut Avenue Promenade project from the Long Term Plan. One only has to look at the popularity of the path around Argyle Path to get a sense of how popular a path on the domain side of Walnut Avenue would be. Why not consider just a footpath from where the path comes out by the flying fox and up to Oak Grove to complete a sealed loop? A shared path would also make it safer to cycle past the College during school drop off and pick up times when it can be treacherous. This would benefit a large number of students from several schools.	The Domain Development Plan (DDP) did not include any other footpaths to Oak Grove other than the proposed and on hold, Promenade.
Jackie Mort	Would like to see more spraying of weeds around our town, sometimes it looks really bad around islands and footpaths and around and on our bridge...	NZTA maintain the SH1 Bridge and traffic islands
Ruth Duckmanton	Gardens at the new council building should be a show piece and something to be proud of.	
David Bayne	• I would support a deliberate plan to plant more food trees in the district. Particularly in domains or reserves and with the encouragement to pick and eat the produce. Nuts are probably less of an issue compared to fermenting fruit and can last a while on the ground before being picked up without a problem. • The domain could use a large glasshouse/greenhouse for educational purposes especially in the area of good production using solar energy and perhaps demonstrating a "climate battery" for 4 season growing.	Comments noted by Open Spaces planning staff. Additional consideration of such initiatives shall be progressed.
Brent and Cushla Murdoch	Maintaining parks - maintain them to current standards.	
Jonathan Poff	More work needs to be done to prevent light pollution. The council needs to preclude any future overhead street lighting. New street lighting needs to be low temperature, mounted below head height and shielded to limit spread.	
Jo Evans and others	Request to have water on tap within the Dog Park areas on the riverbank at Cass Street. See full submission for details	One water facility for both Cass Street Dog Parks is provided outside the entrance.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Greer Ricketts	Toilets at the new cemetery and upgrade at the old cemetery would like to see tap and rubbish containers in the old part of cemetery. Lower left its been removed.	Staff are reviewing provision here with funding for a new toilet facility in this LTP. Rubbish bins are provided in all parts of the cemetery.
Jenny Liggett	All the relatively new landscaping in our main shopping area is lovely, but the maintenance is bordering on poor. Cracked pavements, weed well overdue for removal, not a good look, is it?	
Sue Green	I have already put in a submission, but this is an additional comment. has the Council considered community gardens in the Ng King Reserve. Seems an appropriate site & with Lochlea close by I am sure some individual garden plots for residence would be well used. A community project!!	Currently no plans for a community Garden in Ashburton. One has been recently removed in Methven due to inactivity. A landscape plan for Ng King Bros Settlement has been developed with the descendants but it does not include a community garden.
Jan Suttie	Hi, would like to put my view forward but think it's a waste of my time. You asked for ideas for Baring square gardens and I like others requested colourful neat gardens (like Blenheim, entrance to domain off West St, Catholic Church gardens etc) and I'm sorry to say but the gardens are a disgrace and don't compliment the new building at all. I'm not the only one with this view 😞	
Lisa Rosevear	Argyle park is an asset to the community with the sealed path around the perimeter, it is well utilised. The Chinese settlement on Allen's road hasn't been done as well, gravel limits who can use it. Would be nice to have sealed path around the perimeter of the domain.	The compacted chip paths at the Ng King Bros Settlement are as per the landscape plan developed with the descendants. Sealed paths are considerably more expensive.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Alan Cox	Heard you're moving the fountain by the old library to Tinwald to use as a drinking fountain. Have you contacted the family of the people who donated this. Bit disrespectful I would say. No one wanted you to move the memorial in front of the new library over to West st but you did it anyway	Family consultation did occur for the Old Library fountain.
Carmen Tindall	The council's ability to manage our green spaces well continues to be a struggle. Taking on additional green spaces with every new subdivision and general growth of the town/region should be considered carefully.	Council staff consider the costs and benefit of taking green space areas when subdivisions are processed. Council has targets regarding open space provision that are taken into account.
Shannon Bone	I'd like to see some public toilets opened in tinwald I've seen so many tourists pulling over going into the trees for relief it's not a nice sight specially when you see them squatting down, and personally I have IBS D not having toilets around for use is literally painful and embarrassing if you don't make it in time, also small children sometimes cannot hold on long enough to make it to the main st in town center	The Council has instructed staff to only undertake public convenience renewals in this LTP
Brendan Clark	we would like a footpath round the outside of the domain up walnut ave and along oak grove. Good for prams and scooters and walking your dogs	The DDP Promenade project is on hold due to funding constraints.
Jo Greenlees-Rae	I would like to thank the parks staff, their rain gardens around the CBD area with natives is fantastic, their annual plantings in suburbs areas, and the domain is also great . now I sit in the library and look at the redeveloped green in front with so much appreciation. So thank you. Your work is very much noticed.	
Lorraine McQuarters	Keeping Ashburton gardens and round about tidy and clean.. weed free	
Marion Logan	Chip and register cat- too many not cared for. Better dog rec facility.	
Perry Hunt	Ashburton Domain: What's happened to the planned sealed footpath/promenade around the domain? There is a sealed path around Argyle Park that is really well used, and having a sealed path around the Ashburton Domain (the jewel in our crown) would also be really well used.	The DDP Walnut Ave Promenade project is on hold due to funding constraints.
Isobel Gentle	Also the Domain paddling pool area is good where it is. Always nice to use. And much better being away from the playground area.	

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Sonia Thom	Not very productive - there a definitely other areas within the Ashburton district that need to be seen to instead of throwing money at things that don't need it. For example, more rubbish bins at parks	Councils approach is to encourage park users to take their rubbish with them rather providing more rubbish bins.
Toresa Hooper	Keep trying to improve on our wonderful town. Spend some more time and money in trying to beautify the district even more. Have more bigger better play areas for kids.	
Nicola Fielding	Tell me why i saw a council worker on a 4 wheel motorbike spraying the weeds along walnut ave when gutters and sides of road are overflowing with leaves, what a waste of time	Footpath and kerb and channel weed spraying is a Roading managed activity.
Bernadette Ward	I feel the Walnut Ave domain promenade should be put back on the agenda, at the very least a walking path similar to Argyle Park, along the domain length of Walnut Ave. This would be a wonderful asset to enable all users whether walkers, runners, wheelchair, mobility scooters etc, to access and use the domain even more.	The DDP Walnut Ave Promenade project is on hold due to funding constraints.
Mary O'Brien (CCS Disability Action)	Parks - We support the ongoing development of parks which are important for community wellbeing. Many disabled people are unable to use parks and this often prevents an entire family or group using a park. We recommend that when planning improvements the Council consult with disabled people to identify where they can go, where they would like to go but cannot and use this information when planning improvements. Often small improvements will make a difference. Common barriers to accessing parks, include inability to access parks, narrow rough paths, lack of any accessible play elements.	Open Spaces planning are always open to conversations with community users on enhancing the user experience and note the connection to CCSDA.
Mrs Diane Milne	Ashburton Domain & Gardens are a treasure - a pleasure to visit.	
Laura George	I would love to see some more emphasis on the domain and playground, the previous plans were fantastic.	Domain Development Plan stated that 'regular refreshment and enhancement' is the adopted development direction. Projects in the plan will be implemented where funding allows.
Edith Smith (Ashburton)	Forest & Bird carried out its first planting at the reserve in 2008, two years prior to the naming of the Harris Scientific Reserve (HSR) in 2010 and the establishment of the	Harris Scientific Reserve is protected under the

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Community Conservation Trust)	Ashburton Community Conservation Trust (ACCT). The ACCT manages the eleven-hectare scientific reserve and the associated QE11 covenant which is regularly monitored by a QE11 representative. Since then, each year a planting event has been held and the HSR is gradually being infilled apart from the area used by the Model Aero Club as a runway. In four years' time, in 2028, the Trustees expect to have completed their planting programme ending twenty years of management and development of a significant dryland vegetation site for the Ashburton District. The Trustees are aging and need to be considering the long-term future for the reserve. Species have been collected that represent those found on the plains under the expertise of Dr Colin Meurk of Landcare Research at Lincoln College who carried out the original roadside survey of remnant native vegetation in 1996. This was followed by ADBWG supported survey by Mike Harding in 2013, which showed a serious decline in these species despite District Plan rules preventing the removal of native roadside vegetation. This declining situation further enhances the relevance of the HSR as a Mid Canterbury biodiversity refuge. Fortunately, since 2007, ACCT has been collecting seed from roadside plants and other suitable sites to ensure all planting is from locally sourced seed. As the HSR was developed, it has become an important 'plant museum' and five Canterbury plant nurseries have collected seed to grow for their local projects. ADC involvement has been appreciated and the support of their biodiversity officer Christian Chukwuka, has been enthusiastic. We hope his involvement has assisted the Councillors to appreciate and understand the significance of the HSR and other conservation projects he has supported and carried out in the community. In anticipation of a changing role in the future administration and management of the HSR, we request the Council to consider the options available to them in the LT Plan to ensure this highly credited scientific reserve will be cared for in perpetuity.	Reserve Act and some areas within the reserve are under a QE11 covenant in perpetuity. The reserve is currently managed by ACCT, with a <u>lease agreement</u> signed in 2010 for 35 years. This lease agreement will expire in 2045. The council supports projects in HSR through biodiversity grants and has a representative in ACCT bimonthly meetings. Should the ACCT wish to exit the above agreement by implementing clause 15 and 16 of the lease agreement, the Council will require confirmation formally as a resolution of the ACCT receive this specific request and consider its ramifications.
Stevie Reihana	Put a skatepark area in the local domain and have more entertainment for young children and teenagers as there is not much option for them to do in the Ashburton district and they will benefit alot and keeping ghem out of trouble.	

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Donna Favel (Ashburton Citizens Association)	Toilets at the Cemetery Extension – ACA members have witnessed several occasions when people attending funerals are either urinating under hedges, on bushes. ACA members were of the understanding that the resource consent required toilets and rubbish bins – yet neither seem to have been installed as yet. We ask as a matter of priority – these are budgeted for in Year One of the 2024.2034 Long Term Plan (However, assumed they would have been budgeted back in 2019.2020 when Cemetery extension was being worked on).	Bins in the Seafield Lawn Cemetery have been installed and there is funding of \$281,400 in year 2 of the Draft LTP for new toilets.
Aimee Cosgrove (Cancer Society – Mid Canterbury Centre)	The importance of shade in public places: With skin cancer being one of our most common cancers, affecting around 90,000 New Zealanders annually, sun protection is crucial. It is particularly important that individuals ‘slip, slop, slap and wrap.’ ‘Slipping’ into shade is one of the most effective forms of sun protection. Good quality shade can reduce an individuals’ ultraviolet radiation (UV) exposure by more than 75%. However, if shade is not available where we live and play then slipping into shade is not possible. We strongly urge Ashburton District Council to prioritize the integration of shade provision into planning guides for the redesign and refurbishment of existing outdoor spaces, encompassing recreational areas, residential zones, and other public domains. Two examples of where this might be done are as follows: • Mandatory tree planting and the incorporation of green spaces in new subdivisions - this plays a pivotal role in mitigating and managing stormwater runoff while also offering protection from the harmful effects of too much UV. • Enhancement of shade provision in outdoor recreational areas – particularly those areas with high patronage and/or those used by children and young people promoting community and whanau wellbeing. Utilising built shade, shade sails, and strategic tree planting creates attractive and safe environments for recreation while simultaneously addressing the challenges posed by climate change. These measures also not only mitigate UV damage, heat stress but also foster a sense of belonging and safety. See Full submission	Council officers are currently planning for the installation of shade trees adjacent to all District Playgrounds. The planting shall occur this year. Officers also concur with the submitter on planting large shade trees on Reserve land to provide future shade opportunities for the community. The planting of shade trees is preferable to the provision of artificial shade infrastructure - which has a limited life and requires regular costs for renewal.
Kay (Mt Somers)	UPGRADE/RENEW THE MOUNT SOMERS DOMAIN PUBLIC TOILETS IN YEAR 3 OF THE DRAFT LTP It is really great news to hear that Open Spaces have budgeted \$351,000 in year 3 to upgrade, or, hopefully replace the Mount Somers Domain public toilets. As you know, Mount Somers is the Gateway to the Gorge and as such is the preferred	The Council has instructed Officers to review the proposed scheduled replacement (\$335k Yr 3) with thought

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	"comfort stop" for travellers and tourists. I would therefore suggest that Council look carefully at the Domain as a whole, the facilities it provides, (public toilets, popular camping ground, and War Memorial Hall), and develop an overall plan for the future taking into account other aging facilities and the fact that there are no disabled facilities at either the camp ground or the hall.	being given to possibly combining the two facilities on the Domain.
Harriet	upgrading Tinwald domain would also be nice.	Tinwald Domain Board do have an operable Development Plan.
Selwyn Allred	The Methven Town Center needs a good facelift to bring it up to a decent standard for a growing tourist town. We are getting more and more tourists and are far better known than previously but comparing it to other Towns in NZ and overseas its pretty shabby and uninteresting	Refurbishment of wooden components on metal seats and bins is under way and scheduled to progress as funds allow.
Sonia McAlpine	Methvens town centre disgusting broken seats, bins, uneven paving stones, no bells and whistles where we live. No fancy tree lights, flags, fountains, etc. if we want those things we have to fund raise ourselves!	See above Uneven paving stones noted.
Methven Community Board (Kelvin Holmes)	Requests Council's continued support to progress the Birdsong Initiative / Garden of Harmony project. Requests \$10,000 for the development of a Development Plan for the project.	Garden of Harmony Project & Bird Song Initiative – landscape concept plans assist in maximizing the value of a site/project by identifying current site constraints, recognising past and current values e.g. historic uses of the site, and ensuring a sites' potential is fully realised. The \$10,000 is not in the draft LTP at this time.

12.2 Sportsfields

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Contributor 271	We need better facilities for football. Currently, there is tension between cricket and football during the change of summer and winter codes at the Ashburton Domain. Also, football in Mid-Canterbury, MCUFC, is growing, so having a dedicated space would help develop this sport further. In terms of facilities, I know Argyle Park has been suggested, and this could work so long as there are adequate changing, showering and toileting facilities. However, if the home of football were alongside the EA Networks Centre, changing, showering, and toileting facilities could be incorporated as part of the EA Networks Centre's redevelopment. Also, when hundreds of families finish kids' football on a Saturday morning, they can easily go on to use the pool, thus increasing pool patronage. Regarding adult football, we have several MCUFC teams playing in high divisions in the Canterbury Football competitions. This means many teams visit Ashburton to play down here. While the domain grounds are usually well presented, the pavilion housing the changing facilities is an embarrassment and does not portray Ashburton well. Therefore, there is a need for decent changing, toileting, and possibly showering facilities.	Noted – however the land on the EANC masterplan allocated is for two multipurpose sports fields and would likely not be enough to house all of football. Occupation agreements are available for third party assets on Council Reserves with defined need and viability of applicant funded operating costs. Multiuse facilities preferred.
Catherine Robinson	Need Soccer facilities as domain does not work due to damage to the grounds and soccer is becoming the most popular sport in Mid Canterbury	
Aimee Paterson (Mid Canterbury Football)	Mid Canterbury Football has over 500 children playing Winter League Football in 2024. We are almost out of space at the domain. Any further teams next year will mean we will need to look at other options to house all teams. Argyle Park is used for training but due to lack of complete light we can only train on one field. We have 5 youth teams and 1 senior team playing in the Mainland Competition in ChCh and they play their away games here. The domain fields are in fantastic condition, it is just disappointing we have sub standard changing rooms with broken windows and not kept to a good standard. The Club would love the opportunity along with Canterbury Cricket to purchase the building and have a combined Clubrooms that would be maintained.	Sportsfield lighting is provided by the sporting codes requiring it, not the Council. Noted and Council Property team will follow up with cricket.
Lesley Stoliker	Flood lights for football at the domain.	Sportsfield lighting is provided by the sporting codes requiring it, not the Council.
Ilaisaane Manoa	Rugby stadium for the Union to call home!	

Bianca Simone	- you should maintain the lines on the athletics track throughout winter so those wishing to train all year long may do so without having to invent their own paths around the track	Sportsfield linemarking is provided by the sporting code requiring it, not the Council.
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12.3 Playgrounds

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
ARLENE McCREA	Our domain needs an up graded playground like Timaru! There's is amazing.	There is an allocation of \$330,000 in year 2. Timaru cost approx.\$3m.
Corey eade	The domain needs a new playground for children	The Ashburton Domain Development Plan include a project to redevelop and improve the existing playground. Projects are implemented when funding is available.
Meg smith	Would love more playgrounds for under 5 years old with shade sails specially or some sort of shade sails over the little pool at the domain. Potional splash pad. Even upgrade the little kids park at Argyle park.	Council has committed to adding natural shade (trees) at all playgrounds commencing this winter.
Wendy Thomas	Sensory gardens and play areas for young, disabled and elderly- (modern and relaxing	Sensory garden elements are included in the Wildlife and Aviary Project in the Ashburton Domain Development Plan. Projects are implemented when funding is available.
Trudy Fifita	Put the fun playground Tuff back at the domain, .y god its boring now, even the cool swing is gone.	

Romina Ellul	More outdoor spaces for kids...upgrade playgrounds for Methven for instance	Ongoing maintenance and renewals are funded/scheduled for all District playgrounds
Caitlin wiseman	A new playground which is up to date and safe for kids somewhere central in town.	No plans for new playgrounds at this time.
Liz Depree	Rakaia township could well support a children's playground on the East Side of the town. With little movement over many years to make it easier to cross SH1 - the many children who live over that side are disadvantaged in recreational facilities.	No plan for new playgrounds at this time.
Gayle Smith-Busch	We need a complete update of our Ashburton domain playground like Rolleston, chch and timaru	There is an allocation of \$330,000 in year 2. Timaru cost approx.\$3m.
Danielle Bosch	Parks, I wonder if there is an option of creating a toy truck/car play area at one or more of the domains/parks around Ashburton. Recently visiting a school (Hampstead I think) they have a wee area where kids can bring their toy vehicles and there are bridges, tunnels, roads for them to play on, such a popular spot for wee kids. Creating a park of the Ashburton walk way into a kid friendly area, maybe even some sort of fairy walkway.	
Sarah Webster	Not actual projects, but why are hardly any playgrounds in the community designed to be safer for under 3 year olds as more people would use the playgrounds daily if they were actually safe for kids who are actually home all the time. Not just for over 6 year olds who sometimes use them on weekends	As a rule, play equipment is designed to be suitable for use to those that can physically, under their own means, access them.
Emma Hintz	Request for playground to be installed at Cawton Grove subdivision. Please see full submission.	No plans for a new playground at this time. The draft LTP includes a target for the provision of playgrounds linked to population under 17yrs. (which is exceeded) but not their distribution. The financial contribution from this subdivision was paid in the form of reserve land not cash.

Contributor 1700	We need to look at the concept of children playground at Rolleston and put something like that in our domain for our little people.	The Foster Park Playground in Rolleston cost approximately \$2 million.
Jackie Dwyer	I trust ADC judgment. Definitely keep maintaining and expanding free play areas for children	
Hilary Fisher	More playgrounds in Methven	No plans for new playgrounds at this time.
Ailsa Burnip	Recently the South Rakaia Huts domain play area was renewed & upgraded to a larger site with plenty of room, but less play equipment. Toddler aged children now only have a swing. Please could we have more piece of play equipment especially for a younger age group.	Additional play equipment is yet to be installed here.
Andrew Shepherd	Roads and outdoor spaces/playgrounds - yes	
Isobelle Gentle	Maybe finish the smaller playgroups that need upgraded in the area. And have better suitable and age appropriate equipment. I am near the Netherby playground and it has been left unfinished for months. Also the tree need lowered as they encroach onto neighbouring properties.	Davis Crescent redevelopment is underway.
Harley Gundry	More investment in playgrounds & picnic areas for families & children.	There are independent assessments of all District Playgrounds every three years to identify renewals.
Kayla Clark	We spend a lot of time at the domain, the flying fox is great but I would love to see a big redo of the whole playground. It's been very similar for many many years. It's something so visible to the whole community, people like to see where their rates are going :)	The DDP states that regular refreshment and enhancement of existing equipment is considered appropriate as opposed to wholesale change. Projects are implemented when funding is available.
Laura George	I would love to see some more emphasis on the domain and playground, the previous plans were fantastic and i would love to see something like the Timaru playground incorporated - whether it be from community groups or council.	There is an allocation of \$330,000 in year 2. Timaru cost approx. \$3m.

12.4 Biodiversity

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Barry Gough	Seems OK. I'd like to see more native tree planting in the Domain and in all public parks eg totara, rimu, five finger, kowhai... No more leaf dropping exotics planted would be my wish.	Domain planting follows Ashburton Domain Development Plan developed in 2020. Native trees will be utilised where appropriate as stated in the plan. Evergreen and deciduous trees all drop past seasons leaves – just at different times of the year, evergreens in spring/summer; deciduous in autumn/winter.
Sally Stevens (Upper Rangitata Gorge Landcare Group - INC)	Our submission for the Ashburton District Council Long Term Plan concerns Biodiversity. In particular, the annual weed control program in the Upper Rangitata River Catchment. We would like to make a submission that a Grant for The Upper Rangitata Gorge Landcare Group weed control program, is included/provided for annually in the Long Term Plan. I am the Treasurer of the Upper Rangitata Gorge Landcare Group and every year I apply to the ADC for a Biodiversity Grant for this weed control program. This is for \$5,000/year and we have never asked for more, despite the work costing far more than it did all those years ago. We are requesting Council includes \$5,000 per annum in the Long Term Plan for our Landcare Group to send an invoice annually, followed up with a report after work is completed, and not have to apply each year for the funding i.e. It is funded automatically.	All grant commitments are now addressed through Council constable grant application rounds, in this case, Biodiversity grant. There is not currently budget included in the draft LTP for the annual payment to be made outside of the Biodiversity Grant.

Leone Casey	We need more native tree area's in Ashburton township.	Native planting around townships has been addressed through Biodiversity Strategy adopted by the Council in March 2024.
Mike Prince	The district is heavily reliant on farming which is heavily reliant on water which is extracted from our rivers. I suggest investigating the construction of a dam across a river in the foothills such as the North Ashburton River to store water for irrigation during dry seasons with the added bonus of being attractive for water sports (then we could claim to be as appealing as Tekapo). The land is not covered in indigenous flora and very few people would be adversely affected while many would be benefitted. I am keenly interested in the environment and see such a reservoir as a means of supplying water for irrigation and fire fighting. Important rivers would have higher flow rates enabling them to maintain their natural status and support indigenous wildlife. Too many of our rivers run dry or have inadequate water flow and become overgrown with weeds and don't act as barriers to pests. I am also a keen trapper at Awa Awa Rata and Pudding Hill Reserves and am often there on a weekly basis. Many locals and visitors are referred to the reserves however they are challenging for many to negotiate the paths and tracks due to overgrowth or damage. It has been great to see the new toilets but more posts are needed to keep vehicles off the grass and the tracks are in dire need of repair.	Noted by Open Spaces. The tracks in Awa Awa Rata Reserve are maintained by the Department of Conservation.
Mary Ralston	Biodiversity - it is imperative ADC invests significantly in biodiversity. The Biodiversity officer is a great asset but he needs more support and there needs to be better communication about biodiversity from the council. ADC needs to prioritise retaining and protecting the native biodiversity we already have. For instance: - the natural values of Wakanui could be further enhanced, including the stream - ADC should take responsibility for wildings in Pudding Hill Stream originating from ADC plantings above Awa Awa Rata Reserve (however this must be done carefully to retain conservation values of regenerating forest) - foothills should be protected from forestry that has the potential to spread wilding conifers and destroy native vegetation - pests are a significant issue and should be tackled in conjunction with other agencies, eg	Council, through ADBAG, has undertaken weed control on Pudding Hill Stream berms to control spread of weeds. District Plan (DP) rules provide guidance on plantation forestry and species to be planted in each DP rural zones. Pest Control and management are

	deer in the foothills are significantly impacting biodiversity values and must be taken seriously. They prevent seedling regeneration and there is a serious risk of forest collapse. In these times of more extreme weather events, there is also a risk of greater water runoff, erosion and flooding. The Auckland floods showed the effect of forest loss on flooding. - in Rural C, all native vegetation should be protected. Currently there is continued loss from development without penalty to landholders because of under-resourcing in compliance department. The Harris Reserve is a wonderful example of original vegetation enhanced with plantings. This reserve is highly valuable and its continued maintenance must be invested in by council. Volunteers have done the bulk of the work but council must step up.	administered by Environment Canterbury through Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan. Council also collaborates with ECan and DOC in pest control around the district. Harris Scientific Reserve is protected under the Reserve Act and some areas within the reserve are under a QEII covenant in perpetuity. The reserve is currently managed by ACCT, with a lease agreement signed in 2010 for 35 years. This lease agreement will expire in 2045. The council supports projects in HSR through biodiversity grants and has a representative in ACCT bimonthly meetings.
Donna-Marie Field	Water Recreation- Not all recreation on water needs to be active. It would be good to encourage the use of the Ashburton Hapua, Wakanui Stream hapua and Rakaia Mouth for passive recreation for bird watching. This would include putting water back into the Wakanui Stream and down to its mouth at the sea. Make water back into Wakanui hapua and preferably stream a priority. Lake Camp and Clearwater.	In terms of Wakanui Stream, steps are being taken to investigate avenues for enhancing stream flows but there is no fund to progress the feasibility study.

	It is excellent that jet boats are only allowed on Lake Camp and they should continue to be kept off Lake Clearwater. Water quality from the baches and neighbouring farm units are a threat to these areas and need to be managed. All exotic spreading wild trees should be removed from the area now or a special rate put in by land occupiers to cover the costs of spreading weed species. Wilding Trees It is excellent that ADC has a rule for species that can be planted in rural C. Wilding trees of all types are a huge biodiversity threat. I would like to see those responsible for spread, including ADC at Pudding Hill remove the seed source or have a large fund for forever control of wildings. If people are going to plant blocks for carbon or forestry in all areas they need to pay a bond for future removal and this should be on the property details and passed on to the next owner. Protecting the Biodiversity We Have. It is important that ADC continues in its role making protection of indigenous vegetation a priority. Ashburton has little biodiversity left and we need to protect what is there. This should take priority over planting projects. It would be good if the council could have some staff hours available for compliance and actively keeping an eye out for illegal vegetation removal and spraying especially in Rural C and along springs and waterways. Employing an additional staff member in the biodiversity space to help with communications and work load would be good. Harris Scientific Reserve This is a gem on the Canterbury Plains and is owned by the council. Forest and Bird is aging and putting a huge amount of resource into the Reserve. ADC needs to put some thought into ongoing management and succession planning.	The Council has taken action and has worked with hutholders to remove long drop toilets at Lake Clearwater. In relation to compliance, it is not practical to proactively monitor due to the scale of the areas concerned. Council will investigate when it is made aware of breaches. Lake Camp Landscape Plan reiterates the negative effects of Wilding species and contains an operable plan for their removal from Council administered land. Harris Scientific Reserve is protected under the Reserve Act and some areas within the reserve are under a QEII covenant in perpetuity. The reserve is currently managed by ACCT, with a lease agreement signed in 2010 for 35 years. This lease agreement will expire in 2045. The council
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	Rakaia Gorge Another gem for recreation and biodiversity in the district. It is great what ADC is doing with the commercial campground area and the development of the Matariki viewing seat. As well ADC could work with the other agencies and landowners in the area to protect what is there with The Rakaia Gorge Weed Control Project.	supports projects in HSR through biodiversity grants and has a representative in ACCT bimonthly meetings. Council is heavily invested in Rakaia Gorge weed control in collaboration with other stakeholders; and has contributed significantly by removing wilding pine in its land and replanted with suitable native plants.
Brett Evans	Predator free 2050 NZ. Living rurally, boundary conservation land and actually predator trapping. I find that most pests (stoats, rats, mice) are coming from down country. I think every rural property owner should be incentivised to run a trapping programme. Where successful property owners are rewarded with more traps or rates benefits or something of small value and recognition	Pest Control and management are administered by Environment Canterbury through Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan.
Val Clemens	• Biodiversity: Dr Christian Chukwuka is a great asset to ADC; he is very well qualified and is making a significant difference. Please listen if he asks for assistance from another staff member. I appreciate the Council's approval of the Biodiversity Strategy although I haven't seen the final version yet. • ADBAG continues to function but has the potential to achieve much more. I suggest the council look at the Waimakariri Trust About Valuing Our Biodiversity (wbt.org.nz) for a model of what is being achieved in a district very similar to Ashburton and consider working towards a providing a coordinating role and working with other organisations in the field.	Council is working with the Lake Clearwater Hutholders on appropriate plants to be planted around the settlement and has put some restrictions on using plants declared as pests in Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan.

	• Ashburton is a district of two halves, each with its own set of issues in the biodiversity field. The High Country/Ashburton Lakes area has always been highly regarded locally, nationally and internationally, but in the last few years concerns about the water quality in the lakes have become apparent. Although the use of fertiliser on farms, which contributes to pollution of the lakes, is an ECAN matter, this council has considerable influence with those who make decision at the regional level. I urge councillors to do all they can to prevent further pollution and degradation of this precious area. • Wilding pines: The removal of many pines from the LakeCamp/Lake Clearwater area has made a huge difference to the number of wildings but there are still too many pines, of various species, as well as Silver Birch, which is spreading onto Conservation land. Long term planning to plant natives for shelter and removal of all exotic species will reduce the nuisance of weed trees. Exotic plants also spread onto Conservation land and use DOC funds that would be better used in other activities. • Russell lupins were also spreading from those planted by hutholders so restrictions on what can be planted around the huts need to be explicit and enforced. Exotic plants cannot be planted on Conservation land and this convention could also include the hutholders' reserve. • Biodiversity on the plains continues to disappear and the district is becoming a green desert, bereft of the insects, lizards, and special plants that made up the lower plains ecosystems. Estimates of the area of remaining indigenous vegetation vary but are invariably lower than 0.1%. Roadsides, once a place remnant species could survive, are now mowed, sprayed, or are choked with long grass watered from adjacent irrigators. However the roadsides could be utilised to grow natives such as hebes (low growing, provide insect food supplies), pittosporums or kanuka for shelter, flaxes for bird corridors, there are many options. Plants on roadsides need not be a traffic hazard as they are frangible. • Plantation Road, a paper road 'owned' by ADC, is an important biodiversity site with a number of endangered plant species and deserves to be carefully maintained and monitored. Planting new areas is never as successful as looking after existing ecosystems. • ADC needs to discuss with Ashburton Community Conservation Trust (ACCT) members the long term future of the Harris Scientific Reserve. The initial lease agreement with ADC	Planting on Conservation land is administered by the Department of Conservation. Plantation Road is currently under investigation for designation as an insurance reserve as approved by the Council in 2023. The initial lease agreement between ADC and ACCT to occupy Harris Scientific Reserve was entered in 2010 for 35 years and will expire in 2045. It's been proposed under Reserve Management Plan review to designate Wakanui Beach as a scenic reserve.
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	was for a finite time. In the 20+ years that ACCT has been developing the reserve, it has become a very important 'plant museum' and 5 nurseries have collected seed there to grow plants for local projects. ADC involvement has been appreciated but very few within ADC understand the regional and national significance of the reserve and its place in conserving Ashburton's indigenous species. • Whakanui Reserve: Another biodiversity hotspot with no official recognition or protection. With 20 species of native plants, 52 species of insects and 20 species of birds noted when water is in the lagoon/hapua, this small reserve is another highly significant area that has been allowed to degrade. It is highly regarded by locals, and there are always cars in the southern carpark as people visit to enjoy the sea air, fishing, walking, gemstone collecting, etc. Perhaps the greatest shame is the neglect and utter disregard for the Maori heritage site where an archaeological dig was held in 1972. Hundreds of items were collected – an indication of the importance of Whakanui to Maori. • Whakanui Creek has all but disappeared, as has its function as a drainage system in times of heavy rainfall. Once an important mahika kai site, it has been channelized, cultivated and filled in, so no longer can whitebait, eels or koura exist there. Lizard habitat, flaxes, and other wetland plants have been removed. The possibility of getting water into the lagoon/hapua more often is also disappearing as we have recently seen another section of the Beach Road water race being filled in. • Working as we do, with children from Wakanui School, to encourage them to learn about the special nature of the Ashburton Coast, I have to wonder what will be left at Whakanui Beach for them to show their children. • However – the involvement of Bert Hofmanns and more recently, Dr Christian Chukwuka, has made a considerable difference to the outlook and ambience of the northern carpark. The plantings are beginning to mature and the children's signs, I'm sure, have made some difference to the volume of rubbish being dumped on the beach. Still, there is a lot that could be achieved to build on the work ADC has already funded.	
Monica Rowe	What are us townies doing for the environment?	Community involvement in environmental initiatives has been addressed through Biodiversity Strategy

		adopted by the Council in March 2024.
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12.5 Lake Hood

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Leandra Fitzgibbon (Ashburton Aquatic Park Charitable Trust)	Please see submission from the Ashburton Aquatic Park Charitable Trust attached. The Lake Hood Extension Project Joint Venture (LHEP) developed and constructed the Lake Hood recreational facility and associated residential development. The lake and associated assets were transferred to the Council in 2010, and LHEP has been managing the lake on behalf of the Council since then. LHEP will cease to manage the lake on 31 June 2024. Lake Hood is a community and recreational facility of regional importance. LHEP requests: 1. That the Long-Term Plan include sufficient funding over the next 10 years to ensure that Lake Hood continues to be managed and maintained to a superior level of quality. 2. That the Long-Term Plan includes sufficient funding over the next 10 years to ensure that all the capital and operational costs necessary to maintain water quality in the lake to a contact recreation standard throughout the year are provided for. 3. That the proposal to construct new public conveniences at Lake Hood be included in the Plan (page 90 of the draft Activity Statements document), but that they be provided for in Year 2, rather than in Years 4-10.	Council currently has \$715,464 in the draft LTP budget for Lake Hood. This includes the operational costs of maintaining the land area, public conveniences, security gate opening/closing, Resource Consent compliance, weed harvester operation and general repairs and maintenance. This is funded through the Urban Beautification (Operating expenditure – targeted CV rate 50%, general rate 50%).
Mark Christensen (Lake Hood Extension Project)		
Pauline Garrick	Priority is Lake Hood utilisation and improvement. Brings in people from out of town, income into the community.	Council could decide to include additional funding for water quality projects. Officers propose for year 1 \$50k for operational expenditure and \$200,000 of capital funding to begin water quality projects.
Tony Foster	ADC needs to invest in one of it's biggest & existing outdoor water assets - Lake Hood. The water quality of the lake needs to be addressed for the district to continue to thrive & attract out-of-towners (approx 200,000 go into the recreation area p/a) for the water based activities the lake was built for. Investment is needed in inlet & outlet structures, along with the with a non-consumptive take of water, so that flow can be generated throughout the lake & to assist with it's overall health (and hopeful removal of the current algae bloom). ADC needs to continue to work closely & support the Water Quality Task Force in all aspects. The spin off for Ashburton from Rowing, Dragon Boats, Water Skiing, Power Boats & family swimming & boating is huge. OUR Water needs commitment & investment.	
Christopher Henderson	Lake Hood brings significant economic benefit to the District. It is a recreational reserve that is used by the entire Mid Canterbury community and	

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	visitors to Ashburton, not just the residents. Requesting that Council allocate sufficient funding in year one and onwards of this LTP to ensure sufficient budget to adequately address and then maintain the water quality at Lake Hood.	
Hanham	The water quality issue at Lake Hood needs further and more urgent support by the Council to address issues and water supply through Ecan. This development is a huge asset to the region and millions upon millions of dollars have been invested in it by residents. To have it sitting as a green swamp for as long as it has, when seasons have changed and river flows as, not just resident taskforces.	
Carmen Foster	Consideration needs to be given to the status of Lake Hood, and investment into inlet & outlet structures for the movement of water. Council also needs to consider both water available (surplus stockwater) & making water available for a non-consumptive take. The health of the Lake should be a major priority - this is a huge swimming water asset, used by most mid-Cantabrians & brings in thousands of out-of-towners annually for events such as Rowing, Dragon-boating, Water-Skiing, Jet boating & sailing events. Significant investment has been made by home-owners, many building their dream-homes, with a water view. Locals simply do not want to see the health of the Lake deteriorate further. A proactive & immediate response is required along with a long-term investment view, to keep this major ADC asset available for years to come.	
Sean Hunter my	Lake hood is an massive part of Ashburton and brings a whole lot of people into Town Think the lake needs to be made bigger and invest to make sure the lake says safe and clean for water activities	
Clare Ayers	I believe a key priority has to be the restoration of Lake Hood. It is a national facility and if the water quality is not well managed it is a blight to our district and community. Families need somewhere they can go to have friend fun and leisure.	
Michelle Parkin	Lake Hood is a fabulous facility and attracts people and events from all over the country. Investment needs to be made to ensure water quality is sustainable.	
Steve Wood	Lake Hood issues. The water in the lake is becoming a disaster and there is not an easy solution. Given the degradation of all the waters in the Ashburton District there will not be easy answers. The initial design of the lake allowed for a steady flow of water from the intake to the outlet but with the new additions this is no longer the case. You have	

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	created ponds with very little chance of a flow being created. Providing the lake with more polluted water will not solve the problem. The solutions will be very expensive (if possible) and long term planning and costing must be carried out before we commit to any further development of the area. From my research it seems that this issue is not unique to Ashburton but similar man made lakes throughout New Zealand have the same problems.	
Deirdre O'Connor	Would like to see more emphasis on cleaning up Lake Hood water and SH1 river .	
Hannah Templeton	Clean up the lake for ongoing future use, not a quick fix	
Willy Leferink	Lake Hood management plan especially when it comes to sustainable water quality.	
Steven John Stronach	councils priorities are all wrong. you want user pays but lake hood is beyond this ie Dive toewr at huge cost noe a wed muncher at 180k were is user pays here or is it not required for the wealthy (For more: <i>see Airport Fees & Charges</i>)	Council used \$35,000 in Better Off Funding to fund its contribution to the jumping platform. Ashburton Contracting Limited purchased the weed harvester. Council has agreed to enter into a 5 year agreement with ACL for ACL to operate the weed harvester on Lake Hood.
ANGELA	Getting our water supply sorted with the algal bloom prioritised and Lake Hood available for the community to enjoy.	
Julia Robins	Finish walkway around lake hood	
John Skevington and Joanne Ruane.	Making sure Lake Hood is sufficiently funded is imperative to Ashburton District. This is a jewel in Ashburton Districts crown and the first impressions gained by the many out of town visitors has a lasting effect on their overall impression of our area. getting the quality of water during summer months for the future is critical. We live in an amazing district so lets keep it that way.	
Donna-Marie Field	I would not like to see large amounts of money spent on Lake Hood. It is unfortunate that it has so many water quality issues however that is a reflection of the water quality in the Ashburton District with its high nitrates and a human made lake based on small springs and augmentation from an already depleted flow in the Ashburton River.	

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	If there is a large amount of financial input needed for Lake Hood it could come under its own special rating district.	
Anne Farrelly	Please invest in Lake Hood. This brings many people into the Community and the building will bring more ratepayers in as well. It is becoming an Icon (if not already) of Ashburton and something we should be proud of, and show we are investing in.	
Nigel Farrelly	Invest in Lake Hood as so many benefits. And is making Ashburton well known now, and also a destination. And healthy fun for all.	
Cameron and Julie Hay	Carters creek needs work on flooding issues. New subdivisions signed off by council are putting more pressure on Carters creek, which already has capacity issues in heavy rain. Residential and farm land adjoining the creek flood several times a year in heavy rain, which ruins landscaping and leaves weed seeds and debris.	As part of design of new subdivisions, the developments are required to manage all stormwater for storm events up to 2% Annual Exceedance Probability (1:50 yr event). Part of our role is to review these calculations and ensure the design LOS is met.
Deirdre O'Connor	Investigation into Carters Creek Assp	
Willy Leferink	We like support for ADC's part of the flood investigation concerning Carters Creek and further development of a comprehensive	Environment Canterbury has set aside funding in their <u>draft</u> LTP to investigate and upgrade Carters Creek through the urban area.
JILLIAN B TAIT	I have been a resident in Millbrook Place Tinwald for aprox 7 years now and one of the attractions to purchasing this property was the Creek running through. However it is now a nightmare for me whenever there is significant rain as the creek just floods all over the lower section of my property. This includes my small pond that used to have goldfish but they get washed away every time ! My large concrete area under shade house requires waterblasting after each event as it stinks once all water subsides and leaves sludge. I have to shovel sludge out of my small pond. I have an enormous mess to clean up off my lawn which has included tree trunk blocks, disposable nappies and other peoples rubbish from further up stream. I have no street access so have to bag all debris up and cart up to street level. This is a massive job for a widowed pensioner to say the very least. The lower lawn is impacted permanently as grows so many weeds from the floods.	Environment Canterbury has set aside funding in their <u>draft</u> LTP to investigate and upgrade Carters Creek through the urban area.

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	I am an avid gardener and take pride in this property but it is so gutting and depressing each time this excessive flooding occurs and I believe it is unacceptable to be occur in a residential area. I often have my toddler grandchildren staying which is a safety concern when the creek is in flood. I flooding issue will no doubt decrease the value of my property also. It would be reassuring to know that there is a plan to address this.	
ECan	Hearing note: Regarding the existing consent for Lake Hood from the Ashburton River, submitter suggested that Council should lobby ECan to consider this being a non-consumptive take.	

13. RECREATION FACILITIES

Where no specific comment has been made, your submission is noted.

13.1 Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Riley Wilson	Less funding for the Art Gallery & Museum.	
Andrew Annand	Why does it cost 2.9 million to refresh a museum display?	This is the indicative pricing for the full de-install and refurbishment of the permanent display on the ground floor. Cost includes, scoping, design, research, fabrication, joinery, digital/virtual tech and install over a three year period.
Kate White	It is great to see continued investment in some of the wonderful assets that make our district a great place to live in, such as the Art Gallery & Museum, and the Domain	

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Fleur Tompsett (Ashburton Art Gallery Committee)	- We wish to support the full refresh of the permanent museum display as outlined in the Ashburton District Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2024 – 2034. However, we would like to see this work begin earlier than the 2029 proposed and to be budgeted to be completed in the next three years. - We also support the returning of the upstairs shop and reception area to gallery exhibition space, especially if it encourages the opportunity for the public to view works and taonga from its public art collection, which our committee is proud to be custodians of. Hearing note: Supports the development of an Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy if Council is willing/able to contribute to the actions that come out of it.	Noted. The concern around potential security issues will be mitigated by motion sensors altering staff, active CCTV along with volunteer and staff workforce physically monitoring the space.
Mary Copland (Glynn Lea Farming co)	The museum and art gallery is a waste of money as very few people use it- many have never entered it. And we don't need a museum anyway.	Noted. Visitor numbers have been steadily increasing.
Leanne Chisnall	It's getting too expensive for a swim at EA and swim lessons. Swimming is an essential skill. Pools don't make money, it's a community asset and service..eg: how much money does the museum and art centre make? Drowning statistics in NZ are pretty scary stuff already..	The Art Gallery and Museum has an operational budget of \$2.353 m of which \$2.249 is funded through rates and contributions from interest and investments income and dividends.
Val Clemens	Ashburton Art Gallery: The growing reputation and public appreciation for the work of the Ashburton Art Gallery is a source of great pride for the district. I wish to commend the Council for their support of the Gallery and suggest that it is continued, to allow staff to foster the arts to such a high standard and in such a professional manner.	

13.2 Old & New Library Te Whare Whakatare

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Russell peck	The new library is awesome. Great job. Make sure you get ride of the old one. It's an Hazzard and an eye sore to the town. Pull it down like it was supposed to	The old library has been sold.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Tania Hooper	I also do not understand why we as rate payers have paid to have laser cutting equipment etc at the new library. This seems like an absolute kick in the guts to the businesses who are already offering that service in town. So you are expecting them to pay rates on their business to allow the public to use something for either free or very minimal cost. When these places close down it will be yet another empty shop in the CBD. And Council will have played a major role in that.	Makerspace equipment will be available only for personal educational purposes.
Salome Bester	The new library has a great feeling to it.	
Peter Kilgour	Why does the new council/library and neighbouring church building have only 6 spots for bicycles . This is disgraceful . The old Library had at least 12 spots for bikes . We should have at least 20 spots for that area .	The District Plan doesn't require short term cycle parking spaces for buildings in the CBD as these are expected to be provided within the streetscape. Council could consider to discuss cycle parking in the CBD during deliberations.
David Neeson	The new library is great, thanks.	
Rebecca Cochran	The new library is a fantastic space that seems to be well utilised. Great to see funding allocated to keep it refreshing over the next 10 years.	
Natasha Wilson	Old council building needs to be sold to buy funds together council community centre	
Philippa Young	I love the new library/council building. It's a great asset to the community. Hopefully it will be well utilized.	
Gabrielle Thompson	Does our library have an online access to or like Libby from Auckland Library- I use that every day	The library has Libby and also Borrowbox and other online products. Visit Ashburtonlibrary.co.nz .
Christine and Graeme Taylor	Congratulations on our beautiful new library, Ashburton district residents must feel proud. A beautiful building that provides and facilitates a wide range of books, resources, and services for everyone to enjoy! It's a place for learning, exploring, and connecting with others.	
Kayla Clark	The new library is amazing and a real asset to our community.	

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Jane Schuster	The library needs a closed or strict quiet zone for people that require study time. The little rooms are mostly booked out by the council during the day so it's not functional for the community use as we all looked forward to have access to these rooms for quite study space when the whole library is full of family and kids. It should be looked in as it's convenient for those who seriously need a space to study. It'll save us money travelling to Christchurch instead when we already have a facility that could facilitate everyone.	The small meeting rooms in the library are often used by students for same day study sessions. There are several quiet places throughout the library where people can use a table to study at, and where they can plug in their laptops.

13.3 EANC

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Tania Hooper	I heard at one of the meetings the cost of EA is roughly 7 million a year and it generates roughly 2 million a year. As a rate payer I don't think we should still be propping up the gym at the EA Networks. It should be switched over to user pays and has to generate it's own income with profit, using that profit to upgrade, pay staff etc. And if not able then it needs to either close or figure out how. Every other business in town has to do this. The council portion of propping up the gym could then be transferred to the pool area.	
Kathy Harrington-Watt (Safer Mid Canterbury)	In 2022, as Team Leader of the Refugee settlement Support Service I made a submission to ADC to have a women's swim night established at EA networks. The submission was approved and a trial of 4 weeks was conducted. The result of the trial was considered favourable to ADC, with many women opting to attend the sessions. The women who attended were muslim women who face restrictions for religious reasons, women from the community who prefer to swim with women only. Since the trial, there have been barriers to setting the program up as a consistent and routine session. I am continuously asked by the former refugee and muslim communities in Ashburton what happened to the Women's swim night? I have explained many times the problem with employment of lifeguards over the last 2 years. I would like to have confirmation from the council that the previous agreed submission to provide a women's swim night session will be actioned in the near future, asap?	Noted – this activity is significantly staff dependant and labour intensive for the setup to ensure the privacy needs are met. Officers continue to work towards this outcome however barriers remain.

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Simon Gregg	Can we have the EA Networks pool hours extended especially on the weekends. There is a spa and steam room which is an adult facility but is now not available in the weekends after 5pm. Millions of ratepayers money spent to build this and now closed at 5pm. There is limited activities after dark in Ashburton other than bars and restaurants, and now post covid the pool is closed at 5pm weekends. As an adult , to make use of the spa and sauna on the weekends I would have to arrive at 4pm to get a decent visit which isn't desirable. They are evening activities which have now been taken away. Also I think the 7pm closing weekdays is too early for pool use. I would like to suggest for consideration the closing hours change to 8pm weekdays, and 7pm weekends. Thanks, Simon Gregg	Noted – EANC hours
Kim Mawdsley	Open longer hours, womans only swimming times.	Noted re hours Noted – re womens only swimming - this activity is significantly staff dependant and labour intensive for the setup to ensure the privacy needs are met. Officers continue to work towards this outcome however barriers remain.
Cindy de Kort	More heated pools - for sole use of people rehabilitating as currently they at times disrupt aqua classes. Hydroslide for kids great idea - anything that entertains and keeps kids active rather than screen time!	

14. REGULATORY SERVICES

14.1 District Planning

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Lynda Connolly	I hate how the council pulls down buildings and uses the excuse of cost to repair, seriously how stupid do you think we are? Stop allowing sections to be subdivided into an inch square, you've been doing it for years and , surprise, our infrastructure cant cope. How can the system manage when you allow demolition of one house and then 5 to go on the same section, property developers only about making money for themselves they don't care what they leave behind, it's up to you as a council to put the best interests of the town future first. Our towns previous custodians clearly had a better vision than our modern ones	
Sean	Think we need to act now we are losing people Ashburton is I nice town but nothing for families to do and play ground is very dated and hasn't had any repairs down need to be bowed down and started from fresh	
Brett Curwood	Long long term: move the railway line	
Brian W Jonas.	Have you considered with the growth of the town, the need for Fire and Emergency services in Tinwald or Allenton. Time taken for these services to get to new subdivisions are growing with our growth.	
Roger White	Look after what Ashburton already has and don't expand to quickly	
Tania Osborne (Urban Effects)	Submission includes details on working with Council to create usable, affordable and attractive public spaces. <i>See full submission from Urban Effects for more detail.</i>	
Marie Gorinski	Develop a Street Strategy and invest in Ashburton green infrastructure. There is enough research to show the benefits of a green infrastructure as Ashburton is a perfect town in its street design to improve the image and environment for this future development.	The National Policy Statement for – Urban Development contains requirements for additional green coverage. ECan must create rules around this which ADC will need to give effect to.
Lyall Watson	I feel some arears are getting too much focus at the expense of keeping what we already have. Some things still give the town character and shouldnt just be discarded	
Paul Cunneen	I am concerned by lack of forward planning in regard to connection of roading, sewer, storm water and town water in rezoned Residential areas. The cost of housing is well	A balance must be struck between anticipating

	publicised and is not helped by increased costs of residential subdivision where developments and future developments don't have clear ADC infrastructure plans. The more risk and cost a developer takes on the more they look to recoup in section price.	demand and user pays when development occurs.
Rhonda Huggins	I think that drinking water is really important and should be top priority. Also looking at our rural towns. We had our zoning changed and we didn't even know it. We had an investment that we were going to look at building on. Other people in the town decided to subdivide properties in out town, Mt Somers, and then some intelligent person on council decided that it was a good idea to change everyone's zoning which makes our land now only good for an orchard or grazing unless we pay money to council and get permission from neighbour's. So so wrong. It has only helped people with big pieces of land that were already wealthy and once again punishes the little people. Zoning let's relooked at.	Zoning in the District Plan has been developed to provide for a variety of landuses in appropriate areas. Development not meeting the District Plan's intentions must be assessed through a resource consent process. The performance of the District Plan, including zoning is reviewed periodically
Andrew john	Do something with the town centre . Knock down the old arcade and other old building and sell of land, but dont demand or dictate what can and can't be built like you did at the kmart site.	
Peter Muir	Consolidating retail back into the centre of town rather than allowing building on the outskirts.	Plan Change 4 to the District Plan was aimed at reinforcing the importance of the town centre.
Ellen Robinson	I was wondering what the progression is with the Eastfield Development? If that is still progressing, I wonder if the Balmoral Hall area could be used as a town car park? With the amount of vehicles that park in the big area in town, we clearly need another major car parking area. I am a big fan of the new angle parking, along with the new library centre. Maybe the old library could be turned into some type of dance hall, for anyone that currently utilises the Balmoral Hall?	There has been no further progression with Eastfield Development. The old library has been sold. The sale proceeds will contribute towards paying debt on the Te Whare Whakatare, as consulted on in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

David Bayne	There should also be more relaxation of the rules about keeping poultry to make it easier for people to produce their own eggs and use poultry for beneficial tasks in their gardens, for example as "chicken tractors" or compost producers. Rules about concrete floors, distance from a dwelling etc should be removed in the case of the former or reduced in the case of the latter. Invercargill has a more helpful approach in this regard. The benefits to health (mental and physical) of chooks and vege gardens outweigh minor concerns about noise/smell issues - which can be managed without great restrictions or encouraging unreasonable expectations about living in sanitised clinical environment.	
Richard Swain	The council plan is only concerned with Ashburton. No where do I see any reference to other towns when rural town pay a huge rate bill for very poor services. I am disappointed that this 5 year plan is only going to benefit Ashburton residents except for maybe some roading, but I guess it shows how rural people are only cash cows. Disappointing.	
Mt Somers and district citizens association (Robert Schikker)	We want growth in our rural towns but Ecan have almost stopped the use of septic tanks. We dont want more 4000sqm sections we want a variety of section sizes that need a suitable sewerage system.	4000sqm sections are the minimum size expected by the District Plan in the Residential D zone. There is no requirement to build to this minimum lot size. There is currently no budget provision in the draft LTP for investigating provision of a sewerage scheme to service Mt Somers Township. An initial investigation of this nature would likely cost in the order of \$40-50k. AG
Philippa Yates	I'm very concerned with the closure of 2 large restaurants recently in Ashburton and the fact that there are so many eateries in town that you permit food trucks to come in. Not fair to our eateries as they pay big rents and these incomers only pay a hawkers license. I even saw one out side the new library the other day, selling coffee when the lovely new library cafe was only 50 meters away. Stop these fly by nighters coming into town please.	
Jayden fuller	Knock down the old library and council building, prime location with an old and now impractical building	

Justin Skilling	Extend the CBD rejuvenation into the Triangle Precinct, develop the streetscape of the Triangle Precinct, including the areas from where Wills Street and Victoria Street divide(outside the Devon), all the way down into Baring Square. The Triangle Precinct is currently undertaking rejuvenation and rebuilding, attracting new tenants and becoming a very vibrant area of our town. This is the perfect opportunity to incorporate this into the redevelopment of the Balmoral Hall site creating an arts and hospitality precinct, extending to the Events Centre, which will attract local people and tourists. Extra parking, larger pedestrian zones and a focus on reviewing intersection safety, in this area, will only add to what is already becoming a vibrant area for our town. Feedback from the community, via the Ashburton Guardian, indicated that 83% of the community were in favour of totally redeveloping the street scape when shown concept drawings completed by developers.	No current funding for this project. Would provide a connection from CBD, Baring Square East, through to Wills St. Will be a significant cost and should be a stand alone project in two stages – design and procurement, then construction. Consideration of access for properties/businesses in the area along with on street parking.
Doug Collie	We must look at the future, Ashburton is only going to expand and go ahead.	
Ian Watson (Kim Holdings Limited)	Future planning for upgrading Tinwald C zoning. Separate document attached.	
Robyn Archibald (Robert Grice Properties Limited)	Future Key Projects – We are heavily invested in the Triangle Area of Ashburton with two large projects currently being undertaken. We believe this area would be well suited for the proposed Triangle Precinct redevelopment. This area has already had a lot of exciting development with more to come. A recent feedback from the community, via the Ashburton Guardian showed that 83% of the community were in favour of the redevelopment of the area and street when shown the concept drawings that had been completed.	
Donna Favel (Regent Cinema)	Opposes the proposed Triangle precinct development if it results in a loss of carparks. Requests review of parking and speed limits through the area. Hearing note: Noted correction – suggesting now ‘up to and including Wills Street’ would be more appropriate. Parking time should be 120-180	A review on the impact Te Whare Whakare has had on local on-street parking is to be conducted after the building has completed its first full year in operation, which will allow a full assessment to be conducted. Speed limits in the area will be included in the next review.

		HPMV routes to be reviewed for logic and consistency and reported to Council. Triangle development is commented in related submission above.
Emma Jackson	Invest in the Triangle streetscape to continue building an arts and hospitality precinct. Create space for markets, bigger pedestrian areas and slow down traffic to make safer for everyone.	
Emma Jackson (Juice Signs)	Review and invest into streetscape in Triangle, make crossings and intersection safer around Triangle	
Max husband	More food caravans in town centre would be nice or even in the west street car park , or more dining out on eat street like Tuscany used too have	
Julia Paget	Extend the CBD rejuvenation into the Triangle Precinct, develop the streetscape of the Triangle Precinct, including the areas from where Wills Street and Victoria Street divide(outside the Devon), all the way down into Baring Square. The Triangle Precinct is currently undertaking rejuvenation and rebuilding, attracting new tenants and becoming a very vibrant area of our town. This is the perfect opportunity to incorporate this into the redevelopment of the Balmoral Hall site creating an arts and hospitality precinct, extending to the Events Centre, which will attract local people and tourists. Extra parking, larger pedestrian zones and a focus on reviewing intersection safety, in this area, will only add to what is already becoming a vibrant area for our town. Feedback from the community, via the Ashburton Guardian, indicated that 83% of the community were in favour of totally redeveloping the street scape when shown concept drawings completed by developers. If they review the intersection, it may allow an outdoor area (Triangle Espresso, The Rabbit). If they tidy up streetscape and slow down traffic it will allow better access for premises (The Rabbit, Smoke, Berry Beauty, Studio 108) If they redevelop Balmoral Hall site to parking, it will benefit your staff and businesses (Triangle Espresso, Smoke, The Rabbit, Studio 108)	

Casey McIntock	Extend the CBD rejuvenation into the Triangle Precinct, develop the streetscape of the Triangle Precinct, including the areas from where Wills Street and Victoria Street divide(outside the Devon), all the way down into Baring Square. The Triangle Precinct is currently undertaking rejuvenation and rebuilding, attracting new tenants and becoming a very vibrant area of our town.	
Katie Ridgen	Extend the CBD rejuvenation into the Triangle Precinct, develop the streetscape of the Triangle Precinct, including the areas from where Wills Street and Victoria Street divide(outside the Devon), all the way down into Baring Square. The Triangle Precinct is currently undertaking rejuvenation and rebuilding, attracting new tenants and becoming a very vibrant area of our town. This is the perfect opportunity to incorporate this into the redevelopment of the Balmoral Hall site creating an arts and hospitality precinct, extending to the Events Centre, which will attract local people and tourists. Extra parking, larger pedestrian zones and a focus on reviewing intersection safety, in this area, will only add to what is already becoming a vibrant area for our town. Feedback from the community, via the Ashburton Guardian, indicated that 83% of the community were in favour of totally redeveloping the street scape when shown concept drawings completed by developers.	
Hollie Morgan	The triangle needs to be developed	
Kellie Winter	Restrict hospitality licenses - we have way too many cafes in Ashburton at the detriment of current ones.	
David West	The Reason for my submission is primarily to high light the requirement in my opinion for ADC to commit to supporting and enhancing the greater Aquatic park zone . There is huge potential for park land ,wetland, bird sanctuaries ,dedicated water use areas all in the expanded Lake Hood area. Over 200000 cars are year go into the recreation park area at the lake,the passive use and well researched mental health benefits of water are huge. Environmental pressures and a mix of nutrient changes , weather conditions have created an imbalance in Lake Hood the last two seasons . There are a lot of mitigation actions and work streams that can remedy this situation. The greater zone / gravel reserve/lake extension areas can all play a big part in providing fantastic environmental feature while with integrated engineering become part of the long term assurance of good water quality .	
Ella Smyth	The development of the triangle area has been great for Ashburton. The proposed closure of Victoria Street to make it a walk through street is a great idea! It will further improve the area and make it more attractive to both locals and visitors.	

Jon Bond	Ensure that the approach and drive through Ashburton provides a vibrant looking town to encourage tourists to stop or at least talk about the town in a positive manner. This will mean a nice green belt from the Racecourse to when you exit Tinwald on SH1 South. It means the area where the current Railway site is needs to represent and display Mid Canterbury and may not need to be commercialized.	
Tom Sherratt	Pulling businesses/shops back into the CBD instead of ridiculous new satellite property development which has killed off the purpose of the CBD.	
SA Williams-Freeman	Focussing on growing the local business community also vital - how can we bring visitors to the town centre, create vibrancy and prevent our town from being taken over by large chain stores. More is needed to keep young people in the community - give them a reason to come back, work and raise their families here, particularly with regard to skilled staff who have tertiary education.	
Relda Prendergast	Need to extend parking on havelock st	
Robyn Neeson	General comments I am concerned all our eggs are going to be in one basket at EA Networks. It will be great for those who live close by but neglects those who have to travel distances with peak traffic to contend with. What sort of investments are made outside of Ashburton e.g. supporting local pools in places such as Mt Somers, Rakaia, Hinds, Mayfield, Carew? Rural people have great costs to access facilities in Ashburton and yet can be paying much greater UAGCs as their farms will most likely be multiplied by having several smaller titles.	
Nathan Huggins	We need to be supporting our outer communities better with water and helping them grow. There seems to be far too much money getting spent in silly places rather than looking at the future of all the other towns in the district	
Leone Casey	I would like to see something done about the car park area behind the arcade .A green area.	
Nina Strijland	Allow more coffee and food trucks in the town centre and at the domain.	
Vanetia Bingham (Smoke Ashburton, Smoke Butchery and The Lake House)	Extend the CBD rejuvenation into the Triangle Precinct, develop the streetscape of the Triangle Precinct, including the areas from where Wills Street and Victoria Street divide(outside the Devon), all the way down into Baring Square. The Triangle Precinct is currently undertaking rejuvenation and rebuilding, attracting new tenants and becoming a very vibrant area of our town. This is the perfect opportunity to incorporate this into the redevelopment of the Balmoral Hall site creating an arts and hospitality precinct, extending to the Events Centre, which will attract local people and tourists. Extra parking, larger pedestrian zones and a focus on reviewing intersection safety, in	

	this area, will only add to what is already becoming a vibrant area for our town. Feedback from the community, via the Ashburton Guardian, indicated that 83% of the community were in favour of totally redeveloping the street scape when shown concept drawings completed by developers.	
Val Clemens	Long term focus: resilience is dependant of a myriad of factors but in Ashburton the land/whenua plays a huge part in generating wealth and well-being. Finding a balance between the natural and developed areas, water use and aquatic ecosystems, travel around the district and road maintenance, subdivisions spreading onto productive farmland – all require difficult decisions. Employing well educated people who may bring ideas from other countries or regions is very important. I do not like seeing large sub-divisions appearing on some of our most productive soils, and suggest these need protection through zoning rules.	The District Plan contains restrictions on lot sizes, subdivision in Rural zones particularly are assessed in terms of their ability to retain the use of productive soils.
Sarah Stanaway & Robert Schikker (Mount Somers District Citizens Association)	Land development section sizes, we are concerned about future size zoning of sections. There is demand for varying sizes - growing small towns for now and the future - smaller section sizes are required. There are areas of our town that need to be looked at for rezoning for smaller section sizes and perhaps joint septic systems for affordable housing solutions and sustainable growth for the village.	Subdivisions and development in settlements such as Mount Somers are limited by their ability to dispose of waste. Council has approved development where acceptable solutions to these issues have been found.

14.2 Emergency Management

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Kristin Hartley	I would like to suggest that in addition that we provide to each small town a Emergency Hub to be kept in the town for the unexpected. Look at including generators, satellite dish, any other necessary resources.	We have response plans for our smaller towns within the district and a centralised approach has been taken to these assets, allowing us to deploy them where there

		is need during an event. We have Welfare kits, generators, starlinks x 2, stretchers and bedding centralised for deployment.
Peter Scott (ECAN)	Community preparedness and response to hazards We would like to acknowledge the good working relationship between our Councils' staff during the flood events of recent years. Environment Canterbury supports all initiatives that mean communities are more prepared, and resilience to future flood events is increased, including infrastructure resilience and protection of lifeline infrastructure. We encourage you to ensure future development on floodplains is appropriate. Emergency management As a regional council and the administrating authority for the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, we value strong coordination with city and district Councils. Environment Canterbury appreciates the collaborative approach by the region's Territorial Authorities in preparing for, and responding to, Canterbury's extremely active hazard scape, and we thank you for your contribution as Chair of the Canterbury Civil Defence and Emergency Management Joint Committee.	Acknowledged, we have a great working relationship with ECan in emergency management, built on regular catch ups, conversations and meetings
Monica Rowe	Do we have savings in case of more disasters? Even if we have to help other areas.	ADC Civil Defence has the ability to claim from central government as reimbursement for costs for money we spend during an emergency event. There are criteria legislated and in place for this. Council also holds a disaster insurance reserve.
Sarah Stanaway & Robert Schikker	Flooding work, initial work has been done - yet nothing further has been followed up.	The Mt Somers Flood Investigation has been

(Mount Somers District Citizens Association)		completed and awaiting a workshop to discuss the findings with Council.
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14.3 Compliance

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Chris	too many dogs in the township no nice Sunday sleep ins ,arrogant owners not adhere to licence laws 2 or more dogs ridiculous noise control, shoddy follow up to complaints...	
Arnja Dale (RNZSPCA)	Submission attached regarding working with Council on Snip 'n' Chip programme See full submission	
Annie Jacobs	I would like to see clear policy for cat owners in the district. If you own a domestic cat, it must be desexed and microchipped regardless of where you live. Councils such as Wellington and Selwyn that have a mixture of urban and rural populations have done this already. This could be stepped so that if you live in an urban environment, then you must keep them indoors at night, with a gradual progression over 2-3 years of having your cats contained on your property at all times or on a leash, just as we have for dogs. I have a major issue at my home (I do not own a cat), where most days I have to clean up cat manure (up to six lots a day), out of my vege garden. It really is quite revolting. If a dog did this, I would have Council support. This would assist everyone. I differentiate between domestic, stray and feral cats. If domestics were registered, microchipped and deleted then that would enable a clear delineation of the strays and ferals which spread disease (some of which are easily contracted by humans). These cats could then be humanely disposed of which would assist efforts to give our native wildlife a fighting chance of survival.	
Tracy Tait	perhaps installing more CCTV in the town centre too	
Nikki Rogers (Hospitality NZ)	Local Alcohol Policy - We will also consider appropriate amendments to the LAP system, cutting down on the time and financial cost of implementation, and/or deferring to DLCs to administer appropriate restrictions, and mitigate further unnecessary expense being incurred by local councils, associations and individual businesses in the establishment/reviews of LAPs.	

15. FUNDING REQUESTS

15.1 General

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Selwyn Price (Hakatere Multi Cultural Council)	HMCC has submitted a Business Case & Action Plan for the 2024-2027 financial years for \$25,000 funding per annum, secured for three years.	There is no budget included in the draft LTP for this request currently. Council has funded HMCC since inception, as follows (23/24 \$5,000 22/23 \$5,000 21/22 \$5,000 20/21 \$7,000 19/20 \$7,000). Council is considering funding HMCC through the community agencies fund currently for year 1 of the LTP.
Stefan van Vliet (Plains Museum Trust)	See full submission attached. Requests for items to be budgeted for in the Long Term Plan, including: - Yr 1 - signage & entranceways - \$35,000 - Yr 2 - Detailed Development Plan - \$20-38,000; Water connection replacement \$40,000 - Yr 3 – Infrastructure - \$50,000 - Yr 4 or 5 - Toilet facilities - \$5,000	There is no budget included in the draft LTP for this request. If Council were to include these projects they would be funded through the Ashburton Urban Amenity Rate for the Tinwald Reserve Board cost centre.
Donna Favel (Connecting Mid Canterbury Charitable Trust)	See full submission attached. - CMCT offers assistance with refreshing of Welcoming Plan. Look forward to working with Mercedes Walkham. - Commend Council on Te Whare Whakatere - Request that grants funds are adjusted annually (no less than CPI) to keep up with inflation, and ask if this has been the case for the last 5 years.	Council has applied inflation to all community grants and funding across the draft LTP.
Tiffany McRae (Citizens Advice Bureau Mid Canterbury)	CAB has submitted a Business Case & Action Plan for the 2024-2027 financial years for \$15,625 funding per annum +inflation, secured for three years.	There is budget included in the draft LTP for this request currently and this has been inflated across the draft LTP.
Roger Farr (Ashburton)	Submission attached regarding the importance of Council's support and the crucial requirement for ongoing financial assistance for the Ashburton Performing Arts Theatre Trust.	

Performing Arts Theatre Trust)	Business Case has been submitted in February 2024 for \$341,037 operating funding for 2024/25. Business Case has been submitted in February 2024 for Council to establish a AAPT capital upgrade reserve, as a part of the annual grant, which AAPT could apply to annually /to manage capital upgrades.	There is \$337,800 budget included in the draft LTP for the operating funding request currently and this has been inflated across the draft LTP. There is no budget included in the draft LTP for the Capital Renewals Reserve establishment or ongoing funding.
Rachel & James Thomas	Requests that the Heritage Grant criteria is extended to up to 75% of the cost, up to a total of \$15,000. We also request that the Council continue to keep the Heritage Grant fund open. Requests Council seeks opportunities to work with the Longbeach Estate.	Council reviewed its Heritage Grant Criteria in December 2023 and increased the contribution from \$7,000 to \$10,000 (at 50% of cost of the project). Council could amend the criteria through a Council decision. The draft LTP budget includes Heritage Grant funding of \$10,400 per annum (+inflation) across the 10 years.
Julyan Falloon (Sport Canterbury)	Thank you for maintaining your investment in sport and recreation across many areas during some extremely tough economic times. The benefits are real, human and long lasting for the people of the Ashburton District and we acknowledge that while Council has had to 'tighten its belt' financially, sport, active recreation and play have fared well compared to some other areas within Council. Please see full submission.	Council has \$67,600 in year 1 inflation in the draft LTP budget, with inflation applied from years 2-10.
Liz Depree	The Rakaia Library greatly appreciate being able to apply for the rural library grant each year - the overall amount has not been increased (to my knowledge) for many years - isn't it time this was increased to acknowledge the rising costs in purchasing books? <i>See Playgrounds + Fees & Charges + Grants + Cycling for more details from submission</i>	Council has applied inflation to all community grants and funding across the draft LTP.
Jenny Rae (BASE Youth Centre)	Requests Council to fund, via a grant, a Youth Worker at the BASE Youth Café, to enable the establishment of a Youth Advisory Group (YAG) external to Council (circa \$60-65K per annum) Requests Council to re-invest the former Youth Council funding into the YAG on an annual basis.	There is no budget currently included in the draft LTP for a grant for a Youth Worker as requested. The Youth Council budget has been removed from the draft LTP.

Methven Community Pool	Requests an increase in funding from \$15,000 to \$25,000 from year 1 of the LTP.	The draft budget in the LTP includes \$15,000 for the Methven Community Pool. This is rated for on the Methven community only and is found in the Methven Community Board cost centre.
Methven Community Board (Kelvin Holmes)		
Clare Lutton	Better pool in Methven. Ours is nice but it is cold. A 25 metre indoor pool would be an amazing resource for the expending town and surrounds.	
Ashburton Army Cadets (Cezarne Rodgers)	Depending on Council's decision with the Balmoral Hall and Polytech Site, they are requesting that Council donates spare unused portable buildings to the Army Cadets to relocate onto their land.	Council has not made any decisions on the future of the portable buildings.

16. COUNCIL FEEDBACK (Advice, Compliments)

16.1 General

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
Heather Daly	Updating Ashburtons water and sewage has been great	
Sarah Jones	Nah I think generally you guys are doing well. I can see with this consultation, you're genuinely listening to feedback from the community and trying to do whay we want. I think that's great	
Andrae Gold	I appreciate being able to actively participate with Safer Mid-Canterbury project work. Having Councillor leadership and contributions is valued and appreciated.	
Aroha Caranay	Most are good with good intentions	
Janet Hadley	Think the infrastructure plans are excellent and the Council is definitely going down the right path. I also like the idea of a standard facility wide fee for the E.A. stadium, I think it will be better utilised.	
Leighton Crequer	Good ideas and great consultation process, well done.	
Nikita Begbie	The council has done a fabulous job with transparency on these proposals, well thought out with heaps of info available.	
David Mcfarlane	From a lot of the CRAZY mismanagement and vanity projects I hear going on in other councils, i think we have a good one, Stick to your knitting, do your basic duties well (like roading), exercise good fiscal dicipline and continue to make the Ashburton district a great but affordable place to live	
Anne Williams	I'd just like to take the opportunity to thank the council for the wonderful new library complex- it makes me very proud to come from a town that has excellent public facilities- I also commend the way the Art Gallery, Museum and Library are working together- all three facilities are excellent and bring huge benefits to our community.	
Tegan McCully	Doing a great job We could always want more and more but actually I'm grateful for everything we do have here. The EA networks centre and new library is incredible 🙌 well done for the vision.	
Sheree Kershaw	I wish you'd listen to the public. We are clearly and loudly saying what we want yet it appears the council isn't listening. The consensus is that you are giving lip service by doing this public consultation, however you will just do what you want in the end.	

Caitlin Donnison	I think it is great getting public submissions, but key to differentiate where on general rates etc these charges will contribute over the next 10 years as well as the government contribute we can expect from these projects	
Tina Cox	You seem to come up with other options all of a sudden when somebody makes a bit of noise about getting rid of something. Your preferred options don't reflect the voices of your rate payers only a minority council. You shouldn't be acting on these options, listen to your ratepayers.	
Jack THOMSON	Looks good	
Carol Todd	Council has done some great things in the district lately	
Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga	• HNZPT commends Council in its support and funding of the Ng King Brothers Chinese Market Garden Settlement over recent years. Please see full submission for more details	
Lauretta Smith	I love seeing investment in areas for our young people to enjoy. The library is a fabulous asset for the community.	
Frank Luxton	I feel the council has done a great job over recent years and the town is looking great. Rates are acceptable. Use the opportunity to clear some debt	
Michael Deavoll	Any decision should be based on family, or student involvement	
Stephanie Butchard	You're doing a good job explaining to many groups. Keep up the excellent work!	
Lucy Holdaway	Well done on the new library and council chambers it's an amazing asset to town	
Natalya Tetlow	They are positive priorities and projects that affect everyone in town. Making sure that the option that is chosen is explained why will be important	
Barry Vessey	It is a concern how Governments make additional compliance matters the responsibility of Councils without adequately funding the Local Bodies. Councils need to collectively push back against some of these Govt requirements when additional funding is not provided. Less red tape please.	
Sarah Jane Reynish	Listen to the people.	
Luke Sutton	Future proof projects must take priority. Closing down sites and selling them off could have negative consequences in the future.	
Sam MacGregor	we should have a higher increase in rates to cover the increase cost of the repair of these assets so we dont get caught out in the long term	
Aaron allred	Think long term.	
K Willetts	Think hard councillors, take on board your community feedback. Do not make this personal about you. Always look at the plans well with professional guidance, people in the field, that they know what works in the space. Don't choose the cheapest options and read the fine print of what is excluded so you don't	

	go over budget. Except excellence, always, as these projects are your responsibility but it is not your money, you are only the guardians.	
Simone swanepoel	They kids need to be made a priority for this town to grow	
Eliza Waszczak	Don't forget about the teenagers - we have a very big school and big community. Thinking about these young people are important - more Lego in library. Safer community the domain is not safe. Remove the bark and use those recycle tyre mats, a scooter park like oamaru. Actually have a chat to oamaru mayor because he's amazing growth for young people. Water blast the Bridge it's ugly. Those lake hood signs are getting dated. More Council housing for our elderly and a couple of crossings over main road in tinwald. Maybe Pedestrian lights?? By cafe time daycare area.	
Charlee Backhur	no let us keep our tax	
Contributor 1720	I am encouraged by the way the Council has kept up with our infrastructure and our water situation. It has been good to have the council telling us exactly what they are thinking and asking for our input. the meetings in different areas were a good idea, I learned a lot and I realise the council wants to hear our opinions, even if we differ, but they seem to appreciate that people have good ideas to put forward and they are willing to listen & change where necessary.	
Cath & Ray Carr	I feel we had good choice of persons putting their hands up to serve the residence of Ashburton and i like to think they are of top class and I trust them to make the right decisions.	
Ashleigh Colgan	I appreciate having the chance to give feedback on these situations.	
John Rickard	I am very disappointed with the fact the all submissions are not available to the general public until after submissions close. This smells of ' behind the door cronyism' and people within the ADC hierarchy are not prepared to listen.	
Phillip Ward	My main concern is that council needs younger blood instead of an old boys club who will have the rate payers needs at heart and those of families, instead of their own tunnel vision desires.	
Carmen Lye	I don't believe it's worth commenting on anything else and I'm not even sure my views will be considered as this council is well known for making rash decisions then running out of money or having to fix it later.	
Nicholas mckain	Large project Enders cannot go 10-20 million dollars over budget. This is unacceptable even with a pandemic. There needs to be clear costs and strict compliance to costs made. Our towns projects are not a gold mine for contractors	
Sue Green	Council gets an A+ for consultation.	

Mrs. Connie Jones	The promotion of 5 futures seems to have gone overboard spending our money!! Sausage sizzles, newspaper ads & canvas outside library.	
Paul R. Jones	Long term plan have been notified extensively so there is little excuse for folk not knowing council's intentions.	
Haitelenisia Tuiniua	All good	
Anne Wilding	Barely a two year resident and ratepayer but I have every admiration for this Council. Having lived with many others I am more than satisfied with ADC ! Thank you. :)	
Jan Middleton	Great place to live	
Julie Copland	Great work council team!!	
Lynette George	I find it annoying that the information supplied has been presented to entice residents to follow your guidelines (go marketing). The council should never have had a preferred option. I almost didn't bother going through this process because I feel that it is a done deal.	
Nicola Fielding	Listen to the people!!!	
Harley Gundry	Its disappointing that Council staff make decisions on what they think is necessary and not what the community wants.	
Emma Kinzett	The others are good	
ray eden	yes they are good	
Roger Scott	Think that getting these five projects completed would be a great achievement,	
Janelle	They're okay... still more things to think about for the community	

17. OTHER FEEDBACK

17.1 Long Term Plan feedback (received through EA Networks Centre Masterplan consultation)

Submitter name	Summary	Staff comments
General		
Michelle Knight	Investing in the community for projects that all ages use is a great thing the pool and stadium sees people of all ages on the daily and it's fantastic	
Kate White	I support the changing of the office space (which looks under utilised) to a sprung floor studio.	
Stadium extension		
Ed Eason	I support the concept of extending the stadium, by two courts in the near future as this will be driven by demand, as well as locking in our ability as a community to host large or	

	national events, which will have a natural benefit for the district and enhance our reputation nation wide.	
Peter Kilgour	The vision is a good idea but needs to be done gradually , especially the expensive stadium extension .	
Contributor 905	Instead of wanting new court, options to open longer hours to offer an alternative to sport groups should be explored first (opening at 5am up to 10pm, every day).	
John Thompson	There is a definite need for more indoor courts to allow more room for either sports to grow or to have multiple users at busy times.	
Murray Gardiner	New courts would be well used at times but we cannot afford it.	
Sean H	4 courts need as need as soon as possible	
Kate White	I agree with the proposed 3 court extension to not only meet demand at high peak times but also to allow tournaments to come to Ashburton that without this number of courts might not be able to currently.	
Sally Carr	If the current facilities are at or nearing full capacity, 7+ years until completion is too long to wait for the extension. Other regions may develop better offerings in the meantime and take over as preferred venues for events.	
Methven Netball Club (Shirley Clemens)	The space available for our competition is hindering the growth of netball in Mid Canterbury and most likely other sports who wish to use the stadium. More teams (especially social) and longer games cannot be accommodated for with current court space and hours. Aware of other sports who cant get space due to netball. Support 3 new courts in the short-term.	
Tanya Dearn (Mid Canterbury Rugby Union)	In the existing Long-Term Plan (LTP), we note provisions for indoor sports like Netball and Basketball, which will be accommodated in the planned extension of the current stadium, without any financial burden or commitment from them.	
Outdoor pool / Tinwald Pool		
Ed Eason	I also support the idea of an outside pool, instead of investing any further capital into the Tinwald pool . The money required there, would be better used in being spent on the new pool outside at the stadium.	
Mindy Morrison	Prefer to not have an outdoor pool at the expense of the Tinwald pool	
Patsy King	Don't need flashy central things. Keep the venues small and local, and the sport outside in the fresh air e.g. Tinwald Pool.	
David Mavor	Don't require an outdoor pool. If we are developing another pool, it should be covered to increase utilization.	

Sue Heney	Prefer the outdoor pool to be at Tinwald Domain. Ashburton has no outdoor swimming option. Water in outdoor pool could be solar heated, extending its use. Surrounded by grass and seating. After listening to various councillors I feel that the Council has already decided, and our opinions wont be considered, but will post this just in case that changes.	
Murray Gardiner	I do not support an outdoor pool as it would not get enough year round use, even heated, and therefore a waste of money.	
sonia	You are off the mark with the pool area and that is an embarrassment- considering this was the initial reasoning and purpose. You need to reassess the swimming !!	
Hydroslide		
Liz Waugh	We really like the hydroslide idea.	
Mindy Morrison	Hydrosides are needed within the existing facility	
Sue Heney	Definitely support installation of hydroslide and widening of access to complex.	
Murray Gardiner	Hydroslide would be fun but would it pay for itself, I think not. More subsidising for the ratepayers.	